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Corps to discuss impacts of permanent protection alternatives

NEW ORLEANS - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, is hosting a public meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2008 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 6249 Canal Blvd, in Lakeview to discuss Individual Environmental Reports 4 and 5.

The purpose of the meeting is to allow the public the opportunity to provide input on development of the Hurricane Storm Damage and Risk Reduction System.

IER 4 pertains to the New Orleans Lakefront Levee and floodwall system, West of Inner Harbor Navigational Canal in Orleans Parish. IER 5 pertains to the permanent protection for the 17th Street, Orleans Avenue and London Avenue Outfall Canals.

"The Corps of Engineers is currently considering more than 25 variations of six main alternatives that will reduce risk to residents not only in the Lakefront area by throughout metro New Orleans and eastern Jefferson Parish," said Laura Lee Wilkinson, environmental manager. "The meeting presentation will discuss impacts the potential projects may have on the human and natural environment."

Public meetings are part of the National Environmental Policy Act alternative arrangement and exemplify the Corps' commitment to environmental compliance efforts and construction updates on the proposed 100-year storm damage reduction system.

The Corps encourages the public to provide written comments on IERs and other projects under consideration by mail, e-mail or by visiting www.nolaenvironmental.gov at any time throughout the environmental analysis

period. Questions or comments concerning proposed hurricane storm damage and risk reduction actions should be addressed to:

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For more information or to sign up for meeting notifications please visit the following web site: www.nolaenvironmental.gov.

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