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## **Corps public meetings to outline risk reduction plans in Orleans and St. Bernard parishes**

**NEW ORLEANS, LA** – The Corps will be offering Orleans and St. Bernard Parish residents more information about proposed and potential plans to reduce the risk of damage from a storm event that has a one percent chance of occurring in any given year.

“The Corps is continuing to refine engineering designs by incorporating feedback from the public,” said August Martin, branch chief. “These meetings provide opportunities for residents and businesses to provide input in the development of the Greater New Orleans Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System.”

As a continuation of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District’s effort to meet National Environmental Policy Act compliance efforts and to provide construction updates on the hurricane system the following public meetings will be held in March 2009:

### **Tuesday, Mar. 3, 2009**

The Corps will provide an overview of the proposed plan to reduce risk to the New Orleans Lakefront levees as discussed in draft Individual Environmental Report 4, which is currently available for public review. The Corps will be accepting comments on the proposed action at the meeting. Additionally, the Corps will discuss the alternatives under consideration to reduce risk to communities near the Industrial Canal at Lake Pontchartrain as it will be discussed in IER 11 Tier 2 Pontchartrain.

Lindy Boggs International Conference Center  
2045 Lakeshore Dr., New Orleans, LA 70122

Open House begins at 6 p.m.

Presentation and discussion begins at 7 p.m.

### **Thursday, Mar. 5, 2009**

Project managers will discuss the status of construction of the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal Surge Barrier - Lake Borgne as previously discussed in IER 11 Tier 2 Borgne and provide an overview of the alternatives under consideration for reducing risk to the residents and businesses near the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal Surge Barrier - Lake Pontchartrain as it will be discussed in IER 11 Tier 2 Pontchartrain.

Port of New Orleans

1350 Port of New Orleans Pl., New Orleans LA 70160

Open house begin at 8 a.m.

Presentation and discussion begin at 8:30 a.m.

### **Wednesday, Mar. 11, 2009**

The Corps will describe the recommended plan to improve the Bayou Dupre Control Structure in St. Bernard Parish as it will be discussed in IER 8 and provide an overview of the options to improve the Caernarvon Floodwall in St. Bernard Parish as it will be discussed in IER 9. Project managers will also discuss the recommended plan for the Chalmette Loop Levee portion of the hurricane system as it will be described in IER 10. The meeting will include showing of a video that describes the construction of the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal Surge Barriers at Lake Borgne and Lake Pontchartrain as it was discussed in IER 11 Tier 2 Borgne and will be discussed in IER 11 Tier 2 Pontchartrain. There will be a brief discussion of the status of identifying potential borrow (clay) sources to be used in the hurricane system (IER 28 and 29).

Lynn Oaks School

1 Lynn Oaks Dr., Braithwaite, LA 70040

Open house begins at 6 p.m.

Presentation and discussion begins at 7:00 p.m.

Questions or comments concerning Individual Environmental Reports or the Corps' environmental processes may be addressed to:

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For more information or to sign up to be on a meeting notification list please visit: [www.nolaenvironmental.gov](http://www.nolaenvironmental.gov).

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