



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CORPS OF ENGINEERS, NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT
7400 LEAKE AVENUE
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA 70118

December 2, 2022

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, has published the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS) to the "2014 Final Integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement for the West Shore Lake Pontchartrain Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction Study" and the Final 404(b)(1), and they can be located at the following website:

<https://www.mvn.usace.army.mil/Missions/Environmental/NEPA-Compliance-Documents/Bipartisan-Budget-Act-2018-BBA-18/West-Shore-Lake-Pontchartrain/>

The proposed action, presented in the FSEIS, is a 2,000 cubic foot per second freshwater diversion from the Mississippi River into the Maurepas Swamp. The diversion would be operated yearly, as Mississippi River water levels allow, to provide benefits to existing swamp habitats and compensate for the West Shore Lake Pontchartrain Project's swamp impacts. Construction of the diversion would include three groups of features: the conveyance channel, embankment features, and water control weirs.

The conveyance channel would be located on the East Bank of the Mississippi River in St. John the Baptist Parish, immediately west of Garyville, Louisiana, at River Mile 144 Above Head of Passes and would encompass Hope Canal. The embankment features would be located in St. John the Baptist and Ascension Parishes; and the weirs would be located within Bayou Secret and Bourgeois Canal, located in St. James Parish.

The 30-day review period will begin Friday, December 2, 2022, and end Tuesday, January 3, 2023. For further information, please contact Mr. Landon Parr, via e-mail at mvnenvironmental@usace.army.mil or by telephone at (504) 862-1908.

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