



REPREPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
P.O. BOX 60267
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA 70160-0267

Planning, Programs and
Project Management Division
Protection and Restoration Office

May 8, 2008

Dear Property Owner:

By letter dated September 14, 2007, we advised you of the status of surveys and levee encroachment inventories relative to your property. Attached to that letter was an Obstruction/Item Inventory that identified the location of the ROW/property line, the levee toe, and the "levee toe plus 6 feet" line. The "levee toe plus 6 feet" line identifies the minimum zone adjacent to levees that must be kept free of obstructions, per Louisiana law (Louisiana Revised Statutes 38:225) and Corps guidance. A copy of the September 14, 2007 letter and inventory is enclosed with this letter.

Recent surveys have identified inconsistencies between the levee right-of-way and your property boundaries. Therefore, our removal of trees and fences will be limited to the area that is within 6 feet of the levee toe. In the case of your property, that means that the inventory of obstructions slated for removal has changed; please see the attached updated inventory.

We have recently requested right-of-entry from the non-federal sponsor, the Orleans Levee District, to accomplish the removal of trees and fences within the identified obstruction zones. Once right-of-entry is granted, the initial activity will be a survey to identify the toe plus 6 feet line at each address with blue stakes and blue survey paint. This will be closely followed by the tree and fence removal activities. We anticipate getting the work underway in the next month.

Structures other than trees and fences that are identified as obstructions (such as sheds) will not be removed at this time. We will refer each of these structures to the local sponsor, the Orleans Levee District, for resolution through their normal permitting processes.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 504-862-2553 or Ms. Beulah Harrison of our Real Estate Division at 504-862-1359. Visit our web page at www.mvn.usace.army.mil (click on Removing Trees to Protect Levees under Hurricane Recovery Links).

Sincerely,

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Copy furnished:
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