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Corps releases draft of Individual Environmental Report 23

Document discusses five sites from which Corps contractors may acquire borrow

NEW ORLEANS - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District released Individual Environmental Report (IER) 23, titled "Pre-Approved Contractor Furnished Borrow Material, Multiple Parishes," today for a 30-day public review period. Public comments on IER 23 must be submitted to the Corps by 5 p.m., Wednesday, April 23, 2008.

"Borrow areas investigated in IER 23 could potentially provide approximately 16,350,000 cubic yards of suitable material for levee and floodwall projects," said Gib Owen, chief of the Corps' Ecological Planning and Restoration Section.

The five proposed borrow areas evaluated in IER 23 are:

- 1025 Florissant St., located in St. Bernard Parish
- Acosta, located in St. Bernard Parish
- 3C Riverside, located in St. Charles Parish
- Myrtle Grove, located in Plaquemines Parish
- Pearlington Dirt Phase 2, located in Hancock County, MS

A contractor furnished borrow site is defined as a site that appears to have suitable material, based on evidence given by the landowner to the Government. The Corps does not have a contractual arrangement with the landowner, nor does the Corps vouch for the availability or quantity of material the landowner has available. The Corps' role is limited to an inspection of the sites that have been tested by the private landowners and a review of the results of the geotechnical and environmental assessment (undertaken at the landowner's expense). If the proposed borrow area is approved, the landowner may sell the material to contractors working on Corps projects to complete construction of the Greater New Orleans Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System.

The Corps needs more than 100 million cubic yards of suitable borrow material to complete 350 miles of earthen levees and floodwalls throughout five parishes in the New Orleans metropolitan Area.

The Corps mailed notices that IER 23 was available for review to parties who previously indicated their interest in reviewing the document. It can also be downloaded at: www.nolaenvironmental.gov.

Alternative arrangements allow the Corps to expedite the environmental process required of all federally funded projects while fully complying with the intent of the National Environmental Policy Act.

The Corps encourages the public to provide written comments on IER 23 by mail, e-mail or by visiting www.nolaenvironmental.gov at any time throughout the comment period.

Questions or comments concerning proposed storm damage risk reduction actions should be addressed to:

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