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## **Corps releases document discussing preferred alternatives for Jefferson Parish Lakefront Levee**

**NEW ORLEANS** - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, released Individual Environmental Report 3 entitled, "Lakefront Levee, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana" on Jun. 17 for a 30-day public review period. Public comments on IER 3 must be submitted to the Corps by 5 p.m., Thursday, Jul. 16, 2008. Comments received during the public review will become part of the official record.

IER 3 discusses the potential human and environmental impacts of the project's preferred alternative which is to rebuild, at a higher elevation, 9.5 miles of earthen levees along the Jefferson Parish Lakefront. The preferred alternative will also include replacing two floodgates and constructing protective walls in front of pump stations.

The lakefront levee project will reduce risk to communities in Jefferson Parish such as Metairie, Pontchartrain Shores, Indian Beach, Bucktown and Kenner. The levee will reduce impacts from a storm event that has a one percent chance of occurring in any given year. The Jefferson Parish Lakefront is one of the 17 project areas that compose the Greater New Orleans Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System.

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 mailed notices that IER 3 was available to parties who previously indicated their interest in reviewing the document. It can also be downloaded at [www.nolaenvironmental.gov](http://www.nolaenvironmental.gov) where written comments may also be submitted through Jul. 16.

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

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