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Corps provides update on environmental mitigation planning

NEW ORLEANS, LA – The United States Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, is hosting two public meetings to provide an update on the status of environmental mitigation efforts.

"Our project team has completed the initial screening of more than 800 measures which could potentially provide environmental mitigation for impacts generated by construction of the Greater New Orleans Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System," said Soheila Holley, senior project manager. "These public meetings are intended to inform the public of the project status and get their input regarding environmental mitigation efforts."

Topic: Lake Pontchartrain & Vicinity Mitigation and St. Charles Parish Construction Update

When: Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2010
Informational open house is from 6 to 6:30 p.m.
Presentation and break-out session is at 6:30 p.m.

Where: American Legion Post 366
12188 River Rd, St. Rose, LA 70087

This public meeting will highlight the status of efforts to identify alternatives to mitigate environmental impacts generated by construction of risk reduction measures on the Lake Pontchartrain and Vicinity project. Project managers will also provide a brief update on the status of construction of St. Charles Parish east bank risk reduction features.

Topic: West Bank & Vicinity Mitigation, Proposed refinements to the Lake Cataouatche Levee and Company Canal Floodgate Construction Update

When: Thursday, Dec. 9, 2010
Informational open house is from 6 to 6:30 p.m.
Presentation and break-out session is at 6:30 p.m.

Where: Westwego Tassin Senior Center
701 4th St., Westwego LA 70094

This public meeting will highlight the status of efforts to identify alternatives to mitigate environmental impacts generated by construction of risk reduction measures on the West Bank and Vicinity project. Project managers will also discuss proposed refinements to the Lake Cataouatche Levee, as it will be described in Individual Environmental Report 15 Supplemental and the status of construction of the Company Canal Floodgate at Bayou Segnette.

Feedback offered by meeting attendees will be documented in an environmental document called an Individual Environmental Report which will be available for public review and comment once it is prepared. Ongoing development of the mitigation program will include regular updates to the public on its progress.

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

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