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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

Regional Planning and  
Environmental Division South  
Environmental Planning Branch

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY**

The Draft Comprehensive Environmental Document (CED) titled, "Comprehensive Environmental Document Greater New Orleans (GNO) Area Hurricane Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (HSDRRS)", prepared by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, is available for your review.

The CED meets the intent of the Public Notice published in the Federal Register Volume 72. No. 48 dated March 13, 2007 titled "Adoption of Alternative Arrangements under the National Environmental Policy Act for New Orleans Hurricane and Storm Damage Reduction System". The CED describes the HSDRRS, includes a cumulative impact analysis and the identification of remaining data gaps, conceptually discusses the status of the proposed mitigation plan, and informs on the development of long term operations and maintenance plans.

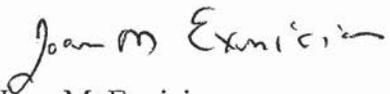
When the Alternative Arrangements were proposed in 2007, there was an expectation that the preparation of NEPA documents associated with the GNO HSDRRS would be completed as early as calendar year 2008 and that GNO HSDRRS construction activities would be effectively completed by June 2011. However, planning and construction activities are anticipated to continue into calendar year 2014 as well as preparation of Individual Environmental Report (IER) documents and IER supplements. As a result, preparation of this CED is occurring simultaneously with the on-going construction of the HSDRRS and does not include a full cumulative effects analysis of the completed HSDRRS. However, sufficient information is available to provide a preliminary cumulative impacts assessment as well as other project updates. Because construction activities are on-going, and other data gaps have not been closed, the CED will be supplemented at a later date.

IERs with a signed decision record after November 15, 2010, are not described in this document. However, the status of CED construction activities including the use of borrow sites that was available as of July 2011 is included in the document. Future Supplements of the CED will incorporate HSDRRS planning and construction completed by the USACE after these dates.

The draft CED is available for review and comment at <http://www.nolaenvironmental.gov>. Please contact Mrs. Sandra Stiles; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Regional Planning and Environmental Division South, Environmental Planning Branch; CEMVN-PDN; P.O. Box 60267; New Orleans, Louisiana 70160-0267 to request a hard copy. Requests also can be made by calling (504) 862-1583, by e-mail to [mvnenvironmental@usace.army.mil](mailto:mvnenvironmental@usace.army.mil), or by fax (504) 862-2088.

The 60-day public review and comment period for the CED will begin on February 5, 2013, and end on April 8, 2013. All comments should be provided to Mrs. Sandra Stiles

Sincerely,

  
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