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Corps Hosts Public Workshop to Discuss Possible Wetland Impact Mitigation Alternatives

NEW ORLEANS, LA – The Corps is hosting a public workshop on Monday, Aug. 31, 2009 to provide community members the opportunity to suggest specific ways the organization may consider alleviating impacts construction of the Greater New Orleans Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System may cause to the area's wetlands systems.

"Our current estimate is construction of the hurricane system will impact about 4,000 acres of wetlands in the metro area," said Gib Owen, chief of ecological planning. "The meeting is a listening session for the public to suggest to the Corps how best to mitigate impacts and give ideas on where and how we would rebuild wetlands and forests."

Federal laws such as, the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 requires wetland impacts to be avoided if possible and, if impacts are unavoidable, impacts are to be minimized and mitigated.

When: Monday, Aug. 31, 2009

The Corps' presentation begins at 1:00 p.m. and will be followed by presentations from meeting attendees. Presentations from the public may run a maximum of 10 minutes in length.

Where: US Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District
District Assembly Room
7400 Leake Ave., New Orleans, LA 70118

How: Meeting attendees wishing to offer **formal presentations** on where the Corps should enhance wetlands area are asked to **register in advance** by writing: mvnenvironmental@usace.army.mil

Presentations may be provided to the Corps in advance by e-mail at: mvnenvironmental@usace.army.mil. Formal presentations supplied the day of the meeting must be provided in Microsoft PowerPoint or as an Adobe PDF file on a compact disc or DVD. USB or jump drives may not be used.

Preparation of a formal presentation is not necessary to attend or offer suggestions on where or how the Corps would mitigate.



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Ideas suggested to the Corps may be used in environmental compliance documents to be released later this year.

Questions or comments concerning proposed actions should be addressed to:

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For more information or to sign up to be on a meeting notification list please visit the following web site: www.nolaenvironmental.gov.

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