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Corps signs Decision Record for Contractor Furnished Borrow Material Individual Environmental Report 26

NEW ORLEANS - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District Commander, COL Alvin Lee, has signed the Decision Record for Individual Environmental Report 26 entitled, "Pre-Approved Contractor Furnished Borrow Material, Number 3," following a 30-day public comment period. These sites are now approved as potential Contractor Furnished borrow sources for construction of the Greater New Orleans Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System.

"The sites discussed in IER 26 may yield up to 11 million cubic yards of borrow material," said Soheila Holley, senior project manager of borrow. "Portions of the clay from these sites may be used to build larger and stronger earthen levees that will reduce the risk of storm surge from impacting residents in the New Orleans area."

The five Contractor Furnished sites investigated in IER 26 are:

- South Kenner Road, located in Jefferson Parish, Louisiana
- Willswood, located in Jefferson Parish
- Meyer, located in Plaquemines Parish
- Willow Bend, located in St. John the Baptist Parish
- Frierson, located in Hancock County, Mississippi

The Corps needs over 75 million cubic yards of suitable borrow material to complete 325 miles of earthen levees and floodwalls throughout six parishes in the New Orleans metropolitan area.

Information about Contractor Furnished borrow sites is provided to the Corps by individual landowners who are responsible for soil boring and testing, and acquiring state and Federal environmental clearances. Upon completing all

required tasks, the landowner submits a completed package to the New Orleans District for evaluation.

After approval from the Corps, the borrow site is placed on the Government Approved list of sources of borrow that may be used in the hurricane system. An agreement to use the clay is between private entities; at no point in time does the landowner have an agreement with the Corps of Engineers. Additionally, there are no guarantees that a landowner will ever sell borrow material for use in the hurricane 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 encourages the public to provide written comments on IERs by mail, e-mail or by visiting www.nolaenvironmental.gov at any time throughout the comment period.

Questions or comments concerning proposed actions should be addressed to:

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