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### **Corps releases Environmental Assessment for Jefferson Parish Stormproofing**

NEW ORLEANS – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers released a proposal on April 14<sup>th</sup> to modify stormproofing on twenty-one existing Jefferson Parish pump stations so that they can remain operable during tropical storm events.

The proposed action consists of upgrading and reinforcing buildings, elevating electrical equipment, establishing backup power and fuel sources and automating pump station controls for remote operation.

These modifications, detailed in an Environmental Assessment (EA) #475, titled “Stormproofing Interior Drainage Pump Stations in Jefferson Parish, Louisiana,” released yesterday for a 30-day public review will enhance public safety by providing continued pump station operation. This would reduce the risk of flooding to residences, businesses, infrastructure, transportation and evacuation routes during tropical storm events.

The environmental document addresses the potential impacts of stormproofing measures to the human environment. Written or verbal comments must be submitted to the Corps by midnight on Wednesday, May 13, 2009. Comments received during the public review period will become part of the official record.

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

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