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Corps seeks input on environmental mitigation for East and West Banks

NEW ORLEANS – At three upcoming public meetings, the Corps is scheduled to seek input from the public on ways to mitigate for impacts from the construction of the Greater New Orleans Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System.

"Construction projects on the East and West Banks are reducing risk from hurricane and storm surge damage and the Corps has committed to avoid, minimize, and mitigate for environmental impacts resulting from these projects," said Sohelia Holley, senior project manager. "These public meetings are intended to inform the public of the project impacts and get their input regarding environmental mitigation efforts."

The meetings will begin with a brief presentation on construction projects in the area and the mitigation process in general. After each presentation, Corps staff will take questions, suggestions and ideas from the public about where and how best to mitigate. Ideas for projects considered for mitigation 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.

Meeting details are listed below:

Meeting 1

When **Wednesday, May 19, 2010**
Presentation 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Open house/discussion 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

What **Lake Pontchartrain and Vicinity Mitigation IER public meeting**
This meeting will cover the impacts generated from the construction of the Bayou Dupre Control Structure, Caernarvon Floodwall and Chalmette Loop Levee, and the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal Surge Barrier – Lake Borgne.

Where **St. Bernard NP Trist Middle School**
1 Pirates Cove
Meraux, LA 70075

Meeting 2

When **Monday, May 24, 2010**
Presentation 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Open house/discussion 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

What **Lake Pontchartrain and Vicinity Mitigation IER public meeting**

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This meeting will cover the impacts generated from the construction of the levees and floodwalls in metro New Orleans, New Orleans East and the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal Surge Barrier – Lake Borgne and Seabrook.

Where **New Orleans East Resurrection of Our Lord Elementary School**
4861 Rosalia Dr.
New Orleans, LA 70127

Meeting 3

When **Wednesday, May 26, 2010**
Presentation 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Open house/discussion 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

What **Lake Pontchartrain and Vicinity Mitigation IER public meeting**
This meeting will cover the impacts generated from the construction of the La Branche Wetlands Levee, West Return Floodwall, Jefferson Parish Lakefront Levee and Causeway Bridge Floodwall.

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

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

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