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## **Corps to discuss planned and recommended improvements to Jefferson and St. Charles Parish Westbank**

**NEW ORLEANS** - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, is hosting a public meeting on Tuesday, Jul. 22, 2008 at Cytec's Tom Call Pavilion, 10800 River Rd., in Waggaman to discuss alternatives that will reduce risk of storm surge from impacting people on the Jefferson and St. Charles Parish Westbank.

"The government action for the Lake Cataouatche Levee is an earthen levee, at an elevation of approximately 15 feet, with a floodwall protecting the Lake Cataouatche pump station." said Mike Stack, project manager. "The recommended action for the Harvey to Westwego Levee is an enlarged earthen levee within the existing alignment east of the New Westwego Pump Station running south to Hwy 45." Also included in IER 14 is a new V-line floodwall. The existing V-Line levee would be expanded.

In addition to addressing the Lake Cataouatche Levee (IER 15) and the Harvey to Westwego Levee (IER 14), the meeting presentation will also detail the three alternatives under consideration to improve the Western Terminus Levee (IER 16), which ties the Greater New Orleans Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System levees to the Mississippi River levees and the four alternatives to improve the Company Canal Floodwall (IER 17).

Projects described in Individual Environmental Reports 14, 15, 16 and 17 reduce risk to communities in Bridge City, Harvey, Lake Cataouatche, Marrero, Waggaman and Westwego. The meeting presentation will also discuss the potential areas from which borrow materials may be obtained (IER 25 and 26).

The meeting begins with a Corps-staffed open house at 6 p.m. A presentation of the alternatives under consideration begins at 7 p.m. and is followed by a discussion period.

The purpose of the meeting is to allow the public the opportunity to provide input on the development of the hurricane system. Public meetings are an essential part of the Corps' commitment to environmental compliance efforts and project construction on the proposed 100-year storm system for both the Westbank and Vicinity and Lake Pontchartrain and Vicinity areas.

The Corps encourages the public to provide written comments on IERs available for public review by mail, e-mail or by visiting [www.nolaenvironmental.gov](http://www.nolaenvironmental.gov) at any time throughout the environmental analysis period. Questions or comments concerning the proposed hurricane system should be addressed to:

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