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

NEW ORLEANS – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers released a proposal to modify stormproofing on twenty-two existing Orleans Parish pump stations and six supporting facilities so that they can remain operable during tropical storm events and reduce the risk of flooding to the community.

The proposed action varies for each facility, but may include elevating control rooms, establishing backup power and fuel sources and automating pump station controls for remote operation.

These modifications, detailed in an Environmental Assessment (EA) #474, titled “Orleans Parish Pump Station Stormproofing Activities”, released for a 30-day public review will enhance public safety by providing continued operation for the pump stations, the Carrollton Frequency Changer Building, the Old River Intake Station, the New River Intake Station, and the Carrollton Water Plant and Power Complex. This would reduce the risk of flooding to residences, businesses, infrastructure, transportation and evacuation routes during tropical storm events throughout Orleans Parish.

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 Saturday, May 16, 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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