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## **Corps to hold environmental public meeting in Matthews, LA** *Greater New Orleans Hurricane & Storm Damage Risk Reduction Mitigation*

**NEW ORLEANS** – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District is hosting a public meeting to provide an overview of the Programmatic Individual Environmental Report #37 (PIER #37), titled “West Bank and Vicinity (WBV) Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (HSDRRS) Mitigation, Jefferson, Lafourche, Plaquemines and St. Charles Parishes, Louisiana.

The 30-day public review and comment period for PIER #37 began on April 4, 2014 and ended on May 5, 2014. A request for a public meeting was submitted during the official comment period. As a result, oral and written comments may be submitted during the public meeting or by mail if post marked by May 23, 2014 to become a part of the official record.

The PIER evaluates alternatives for mitigating unavoidable habitat impacts incurred during construction of the WBV HSDRRS. As part of the analysis, the PIER identifies the Tentatively Selected Mitigation Plan Alternative (TSMPIA) for mitigating those impacts to a variety of habitats. At this time, only certain features of the TSMPIA are proposed for implementation, namely the purchase of mitigation bank credits for bottomland hardwoods general impacts. Other features will be recommended for implementation in subsequent National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents. Impacts from construction of the WBV HSDRRS are described in Individual Environmental Reports (IERS) 12-17 and their supplemental IERS.

The PIER #37 can be accessed at [www.nolaenvironmental.gov](http://www.nolaenvironmental.gov); hard copies may be requested by sending e-mail to [mvnenvironmental@usace.army.mil](mailto:mvnenvironmental@usace.army.mil).

**Topic: Programmatic Individual Environmental Report #37 (PIER #37)**

**When: Wednesday, May 21, 2014**  
Open House: 6:00 p.m. | Presentation: 6:30 p.m.

**Where: Matthews Government Complex**  
4876 Highway 1, Matthews, LA 70375

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For more information or to sign up to be on a public meeting notification list please visit the following Web site:  
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