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UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS PUBLIC MEETINGS

ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRESS 100-YEAR HURRICANE STORM DAMAGE REDUCTION ACTIONS And RISK AND RELIABILITY

NEW ORLEANS – The New Orleans District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will be conducting another series of public meetings in Orleans, St. Charles, Plaquemines and Jefferson Parishes to present current status of the environmental compliance effort, provide updates on construction projects, and answer questions on the proposed 100-year hurricane protection for the West Bank and the Lake Pontchartrain areas. The Corps will use these meetings as opportunities to provide additional information regarding the Risk and Reliability depth of flooding maps released on the 20th of June, as well as to demonstrate how residents may access and use this information.

The next four public meetings will begin at 7 p.m. at the following locations:

July 17 th	Belle Chasse Plaquemines Parish	Belle Chasse Auditorium 8398 Highway 23 Belle Chasse, LA 70037
July 19 th	Lake Cataouatche Sub Basin	St. Bonaventure Catholic Church 329 S. Jamie Blvd. Avondale, LA 70094
July 24 th	New Orleans East	Avalon Hotel & Conference Center 10100 I-10, Service Road New Orleans, LA 70112
July 26 th	St. Charles Sub Basin	Ramada Inn 100 James Drive (off Airline Hwy.) St. Rose, LA 70087

Tasked with the mission to design and construct a 100-year hurricane protection system in the New Orleans area, the Corps will over the next 12 months complete a series of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) environmental compliance documents using alternative arrangements, implemented in March 2007.

The public meetings will begin with a description of the status of the Corps' environmental work followed by project updates, emphasizing work in the sub basin where the meeting is being held. There will also be a demonstration and explanation of how the Risk and Reliability depth maps can be used by area homeowners. Residents will be shown how to log in their addresses to determine flooding risk from hurricanes that may occur in this area. A question and answer period will follow the presentation.

In addition to the monthly meetings the Corps will also accept written comments as part of the environmental process for the Hurricane Protection System projects by mail, e-mail or via comment form located on the nolaenvironmental.gov web site at any time throughout the environmental analysis period.

Questions concerning the proposed hurricane and storm damage reduction actions should be addressed to Gib Owen, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, PM-RS, P.O. Box 6027, New Orleans, LA 70160-0267; phone: 504-862-1337; fax: 504-862-2088;

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