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Corps to present 100-year alternatives for protection of Jefferson Westbank and Upper Plaquemines

NEW ORLEANS - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, is hosting a public meeting on Thursday, Mar. 13, 2008 at Our Lady of Holy Cross College's Moreau Center, 4123 Woodland Dr., in Algiers to discuss possible levee alignment alternatives that will bring the Hurricane Storm Damage and Risk Reduction System on the Westbank of Jefferson Parish and upper Plaquemines Parish up to 100-year levels of protection.

"The meeting presentation will detail the alternatives under consideration for the improving the Algiers and Harvey Canals and the Hero Canal and Eastern Terminus levee," said Julie Vignes, senior project manager for the Westbank and Vicinity projects.

The meeting will cover projects discussed in Individual Environmental Reports 12 and 13. IER 12 discusses the Harvey and Algiers Canal Levee and Floodwalls located in Jefferson, Orleans, and Plaquemines Parishes. IER 13 covers the Hero Canal Levee and Eastern Terminus of the levee in Plaquemines Parish.

The public meeting begins with a Corps-staffed open house at 6 p.m. A formal presentation begins 7 p.m. and is followed by a question and answer period. The purpose of the meeting is to allow the public the opportunity to provide input on development of the Hurricane Storm Damage and Risk Reduction System.

In addition to IERs 12 and 13, the Corps will also discuss potential areas from which borrow material may be obtained. Borrow is a specific type of clay the Corps needs to upgrade the current levee system. The Corps is investigating potential borrow source sites all across the region.

Public meetings are part of the Corps' commitment to environmental compliance efforts and construction updates on the proposed 100-year storm system for both the Westbank and Vicinity and Lake Pontchartrain and Vicinity areas. These meetings are a part of a National Environmental Policy Act alternative arrangement, and are held to provide the public the opportunity to participate in the Corps' decision making process.

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 at any time throughout the environmental analysis period. Questions or comments concerning proposed hurricane storm damage reduction actions should be addressed to:

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