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## **Corps releases proposed plan to reduce risk in upper Plaquemines Parish**

*Apr. 29 public meeting to detail project impacts and benefits*

**NEW ORLEANS, LA** – Residents of the Westbank will have an opportunity in April to learn more about the Corps’ Greater New Orleans Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System. On Wednesday, Apr. 29, Corps staff will discuss the proposed action to reduce risk to Belle Chasse and upper Plaquemines Parish at a public meeting in Oakville, LA.

“The project team has made significant changes to the proposed risk reduction measures since we last met with the public. Changes to the proposed action were based upon engineering requirements, avoidance of environmental impacts and on feedback offered by community members from Oakville and Belle Chasse, as well as other stakeholders,” said Ted Carr, project manager. “The proposal to construct a bridge along Highway 23 has been reconsidered, the proposed action now includes the construction of floodgates across the roadway which would be closed during a storm event.”

Individual Environmental Report 13, entitled “Hero Canal Levee and Eastern Terminus, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana,” discusses the Corps’ proposed action on how to most effectively reduce risk for Westbank residents.

This environmental document outlining the benefits and impacts of the levee alignment that will connect the Westbank and Vicinity levee to the Mississippi River levee in Plaquemines Parish will be released for public review Friday, Apr. 3, 2009. Comments on the Corps’ plan must be received by Monday, May 4, 2009.

Details of the **Apr. 29, 2009** public meeting are:

Open House 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Presentation 7 p.m.

St. Paul’s Benevolent Association Hall

128 E. St. Peter St., Oakville, LA 70037

Public meetings are part of the Corps' commitment to stakeholders as part of our National Environmental Policy Act compliance efforts and to provide opportunities to participate in the decision making process on the hurricane risk reduction system.

Copies of IER 13 are available for download at: [www.nolaenvironmental.gov](http://www.nolaenvironmental.gov) or by request.

Questions or comments concerning Individual Environmental Reports or the Corps' environmental processes may be addressed to:

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