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## **Corps to illustrate preferred alternatives of several Westbank projects**

**NEW ORLEANS** - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, is hosting a public meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2008 at St. Bonaventure Catholic Church, 329 S. Jaime Blvd, in Avondale to discuss the preferred alternatives of levee improvements in the Lake Cataouatche and Harvey-Westwego areas of the Westbank. The preferred alternatives presented on Jan. 15 will be thoroughly discussed in Individual Environmental Reports 14 and 15, which will be released for public comment in the next couple weeks.

The meeting presentation will also discuss footprints of several alternatives described in IERs 16 and 17, which cover Western Terminus Levee and Company Canal Floodwall in Jefferson Parish. The Corps has not yet identified the preferred alternatives for projects covered in IER 16 or 17. There will also be a discussion of sites from which earthen clay, also called borrow materials, may be obtained for use in the Hurricane Storm Damage and Risk Reduction System.

“Plans to improve or upgrade Westbank projects within the levee system are progressing nicely,” said Julie Vignes, senior project manager of the Westbank and Vicinity Projects of the Hurricane Storm Damage and Risk Reduction System in the New Orleans metropolitan area.

The meeting begins with a Corps-staffed open house at 6 p.m. followed by a presentation of alternatives to the levee system at 7 p.m.

This is the 38<sup>th</sup> meeting the Corps’ has hosted as part of their commitment to a series of public meetings on environmental compliance efforts and construction updates on the proposed 100-year storm damage reduction system for the West Bank and Lake Pontchartrain and Vicinity areas. These meetings are a part of the National Environmental Policy Act alternative arrangements, and are held

to solicit comments from the public on different possible alternatives for hurricane protection.

The Corps encourages the public to provide written comments on the alternatives under consideration by mail, e-mail or by visiting [www.nolaenvironmental.gov](http://www.nolaenvironmental.gov) at any time throughout the environmental analysis period. Questions or comments concerning proposed hurricane and storm damage reduction actions should be addressed to:

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