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Corps to brief St. Bernard Parish residents on proposed improvements to hurricane protection system

NEW ORLEANS - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, is hosting a public meeting on Thursday, Jan. 17, 2008 at N.P. Trist Middle School, 1 Pirates Cove, in Meraux to discuss the proposed actions that will provide St. Bernard Parish residents with 100-year storm protection. The proposed actions are thoroughly discussed in Individual Environmental Reports 8 and 9, which will be released for public comment in the next couple weeks.

The purpose of the meeting is to receive input from the public on development of the Hurricane Storm Damage and Risk Reduction System.

“One new alternative the Corps is studying in the Caernarvon Floodwall area was suggested by a community member during a previous public meeting,” said Christophor Gilmore, senior project manager for the St. Bernard Parish section of the Hurricane Storm Damage and Risk Reduction System.

The public meeting will discuss IER 8 which covers Bayou Bienvenue and Bayou Dupre Control Structures; IER 9 studies the Caernarvon Floodwall; IER 10 examines the Chalmette Loop Levee and 40 Arpent Canal non-Federal levee; and IER 11 evaluates improved protection for the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal.

The Corps will also discuss potential areas from which borrow materials 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; several sites are located in St. Bernard Parish as described in IERs 18, 19, 22, 23, and 24.

The 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.

Public meetings are part of the Corps' commitment to 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 provide the public the opportunity to participate in the Corps' decision making process.

The Corps encourages the public to provide written comments on the alternatives under consideration by mail, e-mail or by visiting 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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