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Nancy Allen:

It's public safety we are committed to providing risk reduction to Plaquemines Parish, and that's why we want to update you on some of our projects today, and also take your feedback. I do want to make sure you understand that today we need to focus on the New Orleans to Venice Federal Levee Project. Those on the West Bank go from St. Jude to Venice. Next Saturday we're going to be talking about the non-federal levee and you'll see some more information about that in the meeting as we progress through our slides today.

Here's our agenda for today. We're actually going to be giving a very brief presentation, we want to tell you about the projects, our schedule, and then explain what a scoping meeting is and what the scoping process is. And, a little later I'm going to turn this over to Paul Eagles who is the Project Manager for the New Orleans to Venice Project and Orleans Project, and Larry Marcy [**Phonetic**] who is the Biologist here with the Corps.

Our meeting today has three purposes that we want to achieve. Number one is to describe the federal action, that is the project that we're going to be constructing from St. Jude to Venice on the West Bank and [**Inaudible 01:10 Speaking too low**]. We want to explain the scoping process to you, make you understand, and then we want to hear from you, we want to get your information. Your input is very valuable to us as we go through the scoping process. When you came in this morning there were speaker request cards, if you would like to make a comment when we open it up for comments, please give us your name and your affiliation, if you represent a home owner's association or something similar, and we'll be using these cards to call on you. Sharon's at the back of the room, she'll have extra cards, and Rachel so if you would just fill these out and then we'll be using them to call you.

And, now I'll give this to Paul Eagles who is our Project Manager who is just going to give a brief overview.

Paul Eagles:

All right. Thank you, Nancy. And, thank you, again, for being here. We do need your input here and I'm just going to give a brief discussion about the project itself. As you can see on this slide the levees in green on the East Bank here and on the West Bank here, the East Bank from Venice to Bohemia and most of you already know this, West Bank from St. Jude to Venice are the levees we're talking about, and including some of the missing river levees down in this section. Our mission is to bring the levees back up to the authorized designed grade and that's what we're all about in this project, that's what we're all trying to do. And, so there's been a lot of questions on what that means and by property that is setting. But, first I want to talk about the schedules for this project. Now, our current schedule does kind of draft supplement environmental impact studies for the public in June of 2010, June of next year having a public meeting

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following that, and then signing a record of decision January 2011. Now, that's a huge milestone because that's clearance we get to really begin the process, it's a decision document that gives us clearance to start the project. Then, following that, we'll advertise contracts in October, you see there's a little time there, we have to allow for the acquisition of the rights-of-way and so forth to be able to have some contracts. And, then we're projecting that the first contract will take place in June of 2012 and the last one, December 2013. So, the question is, well, what does this project do? And, the design purpose for this system had a radius of 30 nautical miles and wind velocity of 100 miles per hour, central pressure of 27.6 inches and the forward speed of 5-11 knots, and they used hurricane tracks to look at how that would affect the different parts of the system. This about all I know of. So, later on, you know, we can discuss more if you think you need to. But, anyway, that's my part of this. I'm going to turn it over to Larry Marcy, now, and talk about this scoping process and where we go from there.

Larry Marcy:

Good morning. My name is Larry Marcy, I'm a biologist for the Vicksburg District Corps of Engineers. My role today is to explain to you what the scoping process is and what kind of information we're looking to receive from you today. This is your opportunity to provide input into this process but it's not your last opportunity. We look forward to having you come to all of our meetings and let us know what you think about it, tell us what we need to do. So, that makes you a member of our planning team; bet you didn't know that when you came in we were going to put you to work.

So, what is scoping? Scoping is just a process, it's a process to gain information from you that helps us build a better project. Scoping also accomplishes three things. First thing it does is it informs the public about this project. Then, we're going to identify, or you're going to identify, for us some of the concerns or issues that you have for the fed levee, we're also soliciting information from you about how we can maybe modify the existing levee out there, what we need to do with that levee, are there different approaches, different alternatives that we need to consider. This scoping process is described in the National Environmental Policy Act that became effective in January of 1970. This process provides a mechanism for us to evaluate the impacts of alternatives and also provide some balance to the decision making process that considers all of the public input. All of the public input is going to be tough and we want to know what everybody wants us to do with this project. And, the last thing that this activity does, it allows for us to disseminate the information back to you in New Orleans. First stage will be a supplemental draft, supplemental environmental impact statement that would be provided to you for a four to five day comment period in which you can review it, tell us what you think, what we need to improve, and then we take that information and incorporate it into the impact statement, and then summarize it and put it back out as a final environmental impact study.

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My purpose here today, as it says up on the screen, is to listen to you. You're the most important part of this whole meeting today,. Like the Corps of Engineers **[Inaudible 07:50 – 07:52 Speaking too low]** it's about you. We're going to refrain from trying to solve problems today. We need to sit down on details, we don't have the information right now to answer some of those questions. So, we're going to support the message up here, your input. Your input in the scoping process, like the whole foundation is focus. The last thing up there on the slide talks about active participation. With this kind of government activity, **[Inaudible 08:27 Speaking too low]** is the most important thing that you can do is to appreciate **[Inaudible 08:33 Coughing over speaker]**.

The next two things I'm going to talk about is the comments that you want to make, think about some of the concerns and issues that are out there. There's some environmental resources that you may want to consider and listed up here, and we're asking are there any other things that we need to consider? Further down we're talking about providing comments where people ask themselves what we consider. The first one is probably the most important incidents, what do you think are the most important resources and the impacts that we need to consider in the supplemental environmental impact statement? Some of the examples are up there, hurricane and flood risk reduction and that's what we're after. Another question, are there alternative – what can we do with federal levee. Whether it's levee versus flood wall that's always been a big decision. Are there other modifications that we need to consider?

So, that brief introduction is scoping. I hope you're getting an idea of the kind of information we're looking for today. You have heard from **[Inaudible 10:14 – 10:20 Speaking too low]** listen to you. If you have any questions about what I have mentioned if not we can move on into the public comment.

Nancy Allen:

All right. So, today. Again, we want to listen, we do want to be as orderly and productive as possible. We are recording this meeting, we will have a professional transcript done and it will become part of the record. So, we do ask that you come to the microphone to make your comments, please state your full name and any affiliation you might have, again, so we can get that in the record.

Some ground rules, we really want to look at, we can answer questions for clarity, but we want to hear what you have to say, what your feedback is, your input is. We'd like to ask you to limit your comments to three minutes. We have a little light system here that will help try to keep everybody on track; when it starts blinking yellow you have 30 seconds left. And, you're certainly welcome, when we've gotten through everybody, you're certainly welcome to come back, fill out another speaker request card and we can call on you again.

You can also provide written comments, there's a self-addressed comment cards in the back. And, this is some contact information for Gib Owen, who I'm going

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to get to in just a minute, I'll recognize a few members of our team with the environmental classic report.

Next Saturday, we'll back in Plaquemines to talk about the non-federal levee and also the Eastern Tie-in, IER-13. We'll be at Belle Chasse High School and the opening remarks begin at 9:00 a.m., we have a hot breakout session following that and we welcome your attendance to that as well.

Is everybody anxious to be here this morning. I do want to introduce a couple additional members of our team that are with us today, Julie LeBlanc is our **[Inaudible 12:17 Speaking too low]** for Plaquemines; Bill Bilas **[Phonetic]** is one of our Project Managers for Plaquemines, many of you probably know Bill, he's been up here many times; Captain Ed Wood is our new Plaquemines Parish liaison with the Hurricane Protection Office; and Gib Owen is one of our Environmental Project team leaders.

All right. With that, I do have a couple comment cards, speakers, and the first is **[Inaudible 12:41 – 12:44 Speaking too low]**.

Billy Nungesser:

Thank you. First off, I want to thank all the citizens for coming out today. I want to thank the Corps for working with us on most of the alignment requests that we have made. We still have a few issues via some of the sessions. In the sessions we're here to discuss today, I believe the Corps, if it has not, will receive a letter about section 4 that wooded ridge that was left out of the alignment. It just makes good sense to take the existing levee alignment and keeping that harbor protected and I hope the Corps will reconsider that. And, I'll use the rest of my two minutes to make a couple comments. I'm very disappointed that the Corps has made the decision to move from the EA to the B address. The reason I'm here is its 1,000 acres of impact, maybe whole but not in each area of each levee section. It wasn't done in New Orleans, it wasn't done in Jefferson, it wasn't done in St. Bernard. Why does Plaquemines get continually pushed back on the schedule because we didn't go up and speak and yell and scream right after Katrina? I wasn't here then. But, it's not fair that this Parish is being pushed into that when Secretary Worthley **[Phonetic]** came down here, in my office with the Governors there and said, "I want these levees solid next year." And, we had a February 2010 start date and ever since then, this report you all filled out, we continue to slip. I am not going to sit there and I wanted to give the CR's the next two weeks and I will be going to Washington shortly afterwards. That is unacceptable, it's un-American to say the people of Plaquemines are less important than Orleans because, no offense, your environmentalist say, "We got to check this out, we got to re-study the environment." They'll be no environment to study if we get another storm. We don't have 2012, 2014. We have spent 24/7 working on a coastal plan with our money, not the Corps money, actually we paid the Corps to install the service in Vicksburg so we can protect our Parish. And, if you're not going to help us, get out of our way. I mean, I'll

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be damned if we're going to sit here and let you keep pushing us back when we've done everything in our power with hiring extra people to help with right-of-ways, outside right-of-ways for people's lane I don't know, so you can go in and build our levees. And, now because a group of environmentalist say, "We're going to throw you into a major study on environment." Most of these projects are existing levees. So, you take a little bit of marshland and if you take a 1,000 acres of wetland, which I don't agree with, because if you take the map, 70% of it, there's water behind the levees, there is no marshlands. Maybe because they already took your maps and took your readings of the 1,000 acres, there is no 1,000 acres of marshland. You want to go behind that levee, I'll take you for a ride, 70% to 80% of it's water beating on the levees. We are block by block on a daily basis and put in there because we're losing the levees, but you're going to delay it another two years. I am not going to accept that, and whatever it takes in Washington to change that. What, because I wasn't there right after Katrina with the other elected officials to get in to the herds water? You guys ought to be the ones saying, "It's not fair," instead of looking for ways to delay this. Thank you.

Nancy Allen: Thank you, sir. Debbie Payton.

Debbie Payton: Hi, I'm Debbie Payton, I'm from Louisiana. I have... First of all, thank you all for coming and agreeing **[Inaudible 17:10 – 17:53 Speaking too low]**. If you haven't done that, is that going to be done before these first impacts to the community?

Male engineer: Yes. Yes, it will.

Debbie Payton: It is, when will that be done?

Male engineer: It is part of the study.

Debbie Payton: Thank you. Does that impact your study?

Male engineer: It could impact **[Inaudible 18:11 – 18:13 Speaking too low]**

Debbie Payton: **[Inaudible 18:14 – 18:18 Speaking too low]** but its my understanding.

Male engineer: **[Inaudible 18:22 – 18:25 Speaking too low]**

Nancy Allen: The only proposal we have right now is identification of the reaches that will be included in the SEIS. Everything else is being studied now; it's got a date of June 2010 to get the SEIS out to New Orleans; the proposed action, the alternative, the environmental liberations for the entire site.

Debbie Payton: **[Inaudible 18:48 – 19:06 Speaking too low]**

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Nancy Allen: **[Inaudible 19:07 – 19:11 Speaking too low]**

Debbie Payton: **[Inaudible 19:13 – 19:15 Speaking too low]**

Male engineer: This is a design center for the federal levees. We don't see category up there because that's where, I think, they expect rain and that doesn't capture the energy and so forth very well. But, anyway, this is the design center for these levees that was authorized and that's what we're focused on building these different standards doing. So, I don't have any other plans to that.

Nancy Allen: Okay. We've got to ask you for request cards but, obviously, you are here, you're engaged. So, if you just want to come to the mic, we'll take your comments at the mic. Please state your name.

Dewell Walker: My name is Dewell Walker, I am from here in Louisiana. I'm not really here to discuss what you all are doing involving these levees and all that. I'm here to aim the arrow different. We're in trouble and we're in critical times. I don't know if you all have seen this, this is just one year of hurricanes. Our levee and our system we have here will not will not even stop a slow moving storm. When you all get through with all the other projects, a slow moving storm will over top the levees. These levees are not designed. We need to put our money into research. As a matter of fact, there's a pay stub **[Inaudible 20:42 Speaking too low]** Corporation. I have seen the paper maybe it is decided but, at \$2 billion we spent already on our levees, \$2 million we could have relief in the summer. If you don't put a date in front of it, it's going to happen, these storms are coming. I have a picture, I don't know if you all can see it, this is the Gulf. We're in the bowling alley here, and I know the Corps of Engineers is going nowhere. If the tracks leading up, as a matter of fact, there's a canyon on that track but one hurricane, I don't know when it was, maybe 1000 years ago, but it dug another track off of Grand Isle, it comes in right here. Right now, if we have a storm like Bill that attacked our Eastern Seaboard, our little canyon lights up like a dog in heat. This area, right here, is going to happen. Hurricane Katrina, even though, you know, we got hit by Hurricane Katrina, I'd say it missed the proverbial path, but the majority of Hurricane Katrina, probably 80% of it, went around southwest pass and missed us. This was an accident that shouldn't have happened. If our levee, as a matter of fact, the levees should never been put below a 49-foot elevation, anywhere below a 49-foot elevation on a code shouldn't have a levee, it's not designed to work. And, like I said, I'm here not to discuss all this but I know it gets through, the hurricane's going to come, there's 3.1 million people in danger here. Yeah, we look like ants. Oh, yeah, there's going to be probably a million people that survive that. But, it's going to happen, and we're here to discuss a levee that will not block us from a tropical storm. As a matter of fact a slow moving... right now, there would be protection and if any of you all worrying about it, it could happen. They say that right now it's going to go in effect **[Inaudible 22:38 – 22:42 Speaking too low]**. I'll show you. Right here

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from this map, the previous things. We have another little canyon over by Texas, if that little area... well there is one here, one here and one down here in the Bay of Campeche and one over here in off the Caribbean here. When these storms get in here they can build quickly. I don't know if any of you all remember Hurricane Dan, "Go to sleep, go to bed." Its like what we got down here now. Within eight miles, even though if you look that up on the internet it says category one, I would guarantee it was a category three. The only reason water didn't come in the levee built 85 miles off our coast **[Inaudible 23:22 – 23:25 Loud whistle over speaker]**. Anyway, if anybody wants to talk to me I have a lot of information; I have a lot of research. I'm a man of numbers. I really do interest things. I researched them.

Nancy Allen: Sir, your time is up so try to wrap up.

Dewell Walker: Anyway, I thank you all for coming here today, I want to tell everybody what's going on. Knowledge is important you are doing research on it. So, knowledge is very important. So, if you don't listen to how knowledge your error of ways won't let you. And there is a saying in the bible its if you don't do right, all of us, from Bobby Jindal down to Senator Crowe down to particularly the Corps of Engineers, all the way down the mud hole. As a matter of fact, from Grand Isle to southwest Baton Rouge, they already built the highway from Grand Isle, you could connect that highway, put a beach behind it with concrete. Concrete works. The beach works. Have you ever been to pelican museum when they start throwing 600-foot waves? No one is going to form a beach there. A beach is designed by God. You put a beach in front of you a category five will never hit New Orleans...

Nancy Allen: Thank you, sir. Do we have other... let me see, who would like to come to the mic to make any comments?

Male speaker: My name is **[Inaudible 25:13 – 25:21 Speaking too low]**. Back in May there were three proposed alternative levee systems that connect the **[Inaudible 25:28 – 25:37 Speaking too low]**...

Nancy Allen: Sir, we're going to be discussing that project next Saturday. As far as, this discussion today is about the federal levee from St. Jude to Venice. The Eastern Tie-in, Oakville area is going to be discussed next Saturday and we're going to be answering questions and taking comments on that project at that time.

Male speaker: **[Inaudible 25:54 – 25:58 Speaking too low]**

Nancy Allen: Sorry.

Male speaker: Next Saturday?

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Nancy Allen: Next Saturday, 9:00 a.m., Belle Chasse High School.

[Inaudible 26:01 – 26:21 loud background noise]

Male speaker: My name is **[Inaudible 26:21- 26:46 Speaking too low]** hurricane protection levees from the Mississippi River and **[Inaudible 26:50 – 26:54 Speaking too low]** in the past two months **[Inaudible 26:55 – 27:02]** almost all of the 14 projects **[Inaudible 27:04 – 27:07 Speaking too low]** November of 2011 **[Inaudible 27:09 – 27:11 Speaking too low]** which means our levees won't start construction probably until January of 2012 at the earliest. My concern is that these are levees that are in the federal system right now and we actually have two deficient regions that are at a four-foot deficiency in upper reach hang which is St. Jude to **[Inaudible 27:41 Speaking too low]**, and then we have another **[Inaudible 27:45 Speaking too low]** that has three to four-foot deficiencies **[Inaudible 27:51 Speaking too low]**. My concern is, since Hurricane Katrina hit in what, 2005, we've got to wait seven years to get our levees to construction. This, to me, is just unacceptable, we just can't sit here and have these people with a false sense of security of thinking that they have protection when we have no levees. If we can't do anything from getting the levees to construction before 2012, to me, you have to take measures right now, interim measures to get these levees at least to **[Inaudible 28:34]** elevations.

Male speaker: You know, **[Inaudible 28:47 Speaking too low]** we've invested a little over \$500 million dollars, instead of living in Plaquemines Parish since Katrina, and I don't think anybody in this room would let, for seven years, protecting that investment, if that was their money, and these people have invested their money. They've built their homes, their businesses, they've come back. And, I think because they say it's a thousand acre wetland impact, we're going to wait seven years to start working on these levees. We've got the money, we've got the technology, we've got the equipment to go to work, but because the environmentalist say, "It's not a little impact, it's a major impact on the wetlands," that's claiming. You know, it's not even something that should be discussed, delaying this. People in New Orleans are worth more than people in Plaquemines? I just, I can't even comprehend that. So, I look forward to comments back from the Corps because, you know, and I want to say this on the record, and I appreciate you all coming out on your day off on Saturday, and the people of Plaquemines coming out, and these hearings on Saturdays get absolutely no minimal time. You see what happens on a Tuesday night, there's standing room only, and I don't know if that's set that way to give them more impact or not, but I'm just telling you that's the feeling in the community. I got a lot of calls from people that want to be here today, that have kids that play ball, they have relatives that they have to attend to on the weekends, sick ones, so they say, "Why would they have a hearing on a Saturday and not on an evening when we can make it after work?" So, I'd like to respectfully request that, if you want to have them on Saturday, great, but let's give the people of South Plaq. an

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opportunity on a weeknight when they can make it. A lot of people work on Saturday, can't take off at 9:30, a lot of people have called me, some of the fishing charter boats, some of the people working the docks, and they all say, "We work on Saturday." So, they're all the time telling me, "Make an impact," because they have to work. So, I hope you all consider that for further meetings. Thank you.

Nancy Allen: We're working on it, sir. Thank you.

Male engineer: We can certainly to do that, it's not a problem. **[Inaudible 31:22 – 31:35 Speaking too low]**

Nancy Allen: Okay. Do we have any other comments or questions?

Mr. Eggenheimer: My name is David Eggenheimer **[Phonetic]**, I live at 420 Palm Drive, Braithwaite on the East Bank. We've had plenty of problems on the East Bank but since this meeting doesn't address some... I'm not going to go there. But, to talk about, after it's already been said, slow down the project several years for environmentalist studies with regards to maybe, what you claim to be, a thousand acres of wetlands, where's our environmentalist statements that dumping millions of cubic yards of sediment off the continental shelf. You're so concerned about wetlands; let's start using some of that sediment to build one. Thank you.

Nancy Allen: Thank you, sir. Anybody else?

Male speaker: **[Inaudible 32:39 – 33:07 Speaking too low]**

Male speaker: For instance, we know in Belle Chasse **[Inaudible 33:11- 33:22 Speaking too low]** so we are waiting for that move **[Inaudible 33:26 – 33:30 Speaking too low]**. But, it'd be nice to know what that impact is all up and down the barrier so if there is an impact on somebody's lawn or somebody's fence, you know, that they've got time to **[Inaudible 33:44 – 33:47 Speaking too low]**.

Nancy Allen: There is some processes it's just the scoping processes don't have those sorts of impacts to identify that. We don't even have a proposed action yet that we have put up here for it.

Male speaker: **[Inaudible 33:58 – 34:19 Speaking too low]**

Nancy Allen: **[Inaudible 34:20 – 34:22 Speaking too low]**

Male speaker: **[Inaudible 34:25 – 34:28 Speaking too low]**

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Female speaker: As far as **[Inaudible 34:29 Speaking too low]** environmental impact and the protected property **[Inaudible 34:34 – 34:52 Speaking too low]** the barriers are what keep the storms from coming in **[Inaudible 34:45 – 35:05 Speaking too low]** and it would also put a barrier which **[Inaudible 35:09 – 35:18 Speaking too low]**.

Nancy Allen: I don't know the cost comparison, I can tell you because I'm the friendliest person that works for the Corps, the federal government does not replenish **[Inaudible 35:29 Speaking too low]** not a federal responsibility **[Inaudible 35:30 – 35:32 Speaking too low]**.

Female speaker: **[Inaudible 35:33 – 35:36 Speaking too low / Multiple speakers]**

Nancy Allen: **[Inaudible 35:37 Speaking too low]**

Male speaker: **[Inaudible 35:38 Speaking too low]** off the subject, we will putting in our permit **[Inaudible 35:42 – 35:44 Speaking too low]** plan next month. We've met with all the environmental groups and we're hoping for a 90-day review, it's a slow, long process. And, I hope to have a full report on that. If we get that, within 30 days we will go out and bid for dredge engineers. The government supports us and gave us \$30 million, we believe **[Inaudible 36:06 -32:09 Speaking too low]**. That dredge we'll lease to 30, 40 thousand a day. We'll need somebody in Plaquemines Parish to put that barge in and pump to the river **[Inaudible 36:18 – 36:22 Speaking too low]** the same pump capacity, yet **[Inaudible 36:26 – 36:32 Speaking too low]** three to four hundred thousand a day, 30, 40 thousand a day. Now, all of the sudden **[Inaudible 36:36 – 36:42 Speaking too low]**, when we showed the numbers to the government, **[Inaudible 36:44 Speaking too low]**, he was so excited about this he just funded another one **[Inaudible 36:49 Speaking too low]** Plaquemines Parish **[Inaudible 36:51 - 37:18 Speaking too low]** back of the levees. The reason we took the side and argued with the Corps to make sure that **[Inaudible 37:22 – 37:32 Speaking too low]** and we're going to ask the Corps and the federal government the first time to accept something besides flood walls and levees for hurricane protection. **[Inaudible 37:38 – 37:55 Speaking too low]** We cannot continue to **[Inaudible 37:56 – 38:14 Speaking too low]** we should be able to have another protection **[Inaudible 38:16 – 38:42 Speaking too low]** it shows the **[Inaudible 38:44 – 39:02 Speaking too low]** in place. Now, we're not talking about six generation **[Inaudible 39:06 – 39:35 Speaking too low]** Plaquemines Parish so we have our own **[Inaudible 39:37 – 39:46 Speaking too low]**. And, I thank the Corps **[Inaudible 39:48 – 40:16 Speaking too low]** if you did that with your money, nobody in the Corps would invest their money, \$30 million **[Inaudible 40:22 – 40:30 Speaking too low]** Hurricane Katrina **[Inaudible 40:30 – 40:35 Speaking too low]**

Female speaker: **[Inaudible 40:36 Speaking too low]**

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Male speaker: **[Inaudible 40:37 – 40:48 Speaking too low]** but I'm also a realist. And, that's the plan to save Plaquemines Parish **[Inaudible 40:53 Speaking too low]**

Nancy Allen: Other comments?

Male speaker: **[Inaudible 41:02 – 41:22 Speaking too low]** about six foot high, I can see almost over the levee. **[Inaudible 41:27 – 41:30 Speaking too low]** But, anyway, the plan **[Inaudible 41:32 Speaking too low]** looks real good **[Inaudible 41:33 – 41:38 Speaking too low]** but on this side you have a stick sticking out here **[Inaudible 41:42 – 41:53 Speaking too low]**. That's what Louisiana is, Plaquemines down here. **[Inaudible 41:58 – 42:00 Speaking too low]** These hurricanes are coming close **[Inaudible 42:20 – 42:31 Speaking too low]** you've got too much fresh water, now we need salt water, you opened up **[Inaudible 42:35 – 42:39 Speaking too low]**. Plaquemines Parish, right now, is **[Inaudible 42:40 – 42:53 Speaking too low]**. If we put the **[Inaudible 42:54 – 42:59 Speaking too low]** erosion, we're killing two birds with one stone, hurricane protection **[Inaudible 43:00 – 43:17 Speaking too low]** protect ourselves, we could mix fresh water in our marsh **[Inaudible 43:21 – 43:28 Speaking too low]**.

Nancy Allen: I just went back to this slide again **[Inaudible 43:31 – 43:33 Speaking too low]** concerns that we need to consider called a scoping meeting because we're willing to find the scope of what will be considered in the SEIS. And, so, again, we welcome your input and your thoughts on what important things we should be considering as we move forward on the New Orleans to Venice Federal Levee Project.

Anyone have any other comments for the record, we will certainly be here to answer your questions afterwards, we have some maps. And, again, we want to just tell everybody that if you want to provide written comments there's a postage paid card on the back, there's contact information here. And then, again, next Saturday we will be discussing the non-federal levee **[Inaudible 44:16 Speaking too low]** at Belle Chasse High School beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Thank you for coming.

[End of meeting]