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Corps to provide update on recommended proposed plans at outfall canals

NEW ORLEANS - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, is hosting a public meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2008 at St. Dominic's Elementary School, 6326 Memphis St., in Lakeview to discuss the recommended proposed action for the placement of permanent pump structures at the 17th St., London Ave. and Orleans Ave. outfall canals.

The Corps' proposed action is discussed in Individual Environmental Report 5, Outfall Canal Closure Structures. The proposed permanent pump structures will reduce risk to residents and businesses in Orleans and Jefferson parishes.

"Stakeholders from throughout the metropolitan area provided feedback on placement of the pumps and we've incorporated these comments into consideration as we move forward in the process," said Dan Bradley, senior project manager. "The Corps will provide an overview the proposed actions for each of the outfall canals within IER 5 at the Oct. 22 public meeting and accept comments from the public."

An open house begins at 6:00 p.m. and is followed by a presentation at 7 p.m.

Public meetings are part of the Corps' commitment to meet National Environmental Policy Act alternative arrangements for environmental compliance efforts and to provide construction updates on the hurricane system that will reduce risk associated with a storm event that has a one percent chance of occurring in any given year. Alternative arrangements allow the Corps to expedite the environmental process required of all federally funded projects while fully complying with the intent of the NEPA.

Questions or comments concerning Individual Environmental Reports or the

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