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Corps releases final report on Industrial Canal Lock Replacement Project

NEW ORLEANS - The final Environmental Impact Statement discussing the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal Lock Replacement Project is available for review from Friday, Apr. 3, 2009 through Monday, May 4, 2009.

“The final report addresses comments we received on the draft Supplemental EIS,” said Richard Boe Environmental Impact Statement manager. “We commissioned an additional risk assessment to address public concerns about the placement of dredged material in a confined disposal facility. The assessment indicates there is a low risk of impacts from the proposed dredge material plan to people and the environment.”

The final Supplemental EIS recommends replacement of the existing IHNC Lock with a new deep-draft lock located north of Claiborne Avenue Bridge, using the float-in-place construction method. The recommended plan also includes the replacement of the St. Claude Avenue Bridge, modifications to the Claiborne Avenue Bridge, an off-site construction area, improvements to levees and floodwalls, and dredging to accommodate project features. The community impact mitigation plan will resume to further address public concerns as the project moves forward.

The final EIS and appendices are available at: www.nolaenvironmental.gov

Printed copies of the document are available at the following locations:

- St. Bernard Parish Library, 7701 Judge Perez Dr., Arabi, LA
- Orleans Parish Library Main Branch, 219 Loyola Ave. (3rd Floor), New Orleans, LA
- Martin Luther King Branch Library, 1611 Caffin Ave., New Orleans, LA
- Alvar Library, 913 Alvar St., New Orleans, LA

Hard copies and electronic copies of the final EIS are available. Please send all requests, inquires, or comments to:

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