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Corps revises Spring public meeting schedule and topics

NEW ORLEANS - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, has revised the dates and content of public meetings designed to discuss environmental compliance efforts and construction updates on the Greater New Orleans Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System. The current levee system is being upgraded to reduce risk generated by a storm event that has a one percent chance of occurring in any given year.

“We’ve postponed the May 7 public meeting at St. Dominic’s Elementary School and added content to several upcoming public meetings,” said Gib Owen, chief of the Corps’ Ecological Planning and Restoration Section. “For example, in addition to discussing the New Orleans Lakefront levee on May 13, we will also discuss the possible locations of the surge protection barrier near Lake Borgne.”

Alternative National Environmental Policy Act arrangements allow the Corps to group portions of the HSDRRS into 17 smaller Individual Environmental Report project areas so the Corps can complete emergency construction more quickly than under the traditional environmental process. The alternative arrangements allow the Corps to complete several projects simultaneously, as soon as they have passed NEPA review and assessment.

All of the following meetings begin at 6 p.m. with an open house staffed by Corps project managers, who will be available to answer questions. Project presentations begin at 7 p.m. and will be followed by a discussion period.

This schedule of public meetings replaces previous dates and topics:

POSTPONED - May 7, 2008

St. Dominic’s Elementary School, 6326 Memphis St., New Orleans, LA
The date and content of this meeting has been altered. This meeting has been rescheduled for July 1, 2008, it will be held at St. Dominic’s Elementary school.

May 13, 2008

Dillard University, Stern Amphitheater, 2601 Gentilly Blvd., New Orleans, LA
Meeting presentation will discuss the New Orleans Lakefront Levee west of the Industrial Canal, the possible locations of the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal surge

barrier as discussed in IERs 4 and 11 Tier 2 Borgne*. The meeting will also discuss the potential areas from which borrow materials may be obtained (IERs 25 and 26).

May 15, 2008

Cytec, Tom Call Pavilion, 10800 River Road, Waggaman, LA
Meeting presentation will discuss Lake Cataouatche Levee, Western Terminus Levee and Company Canal Floodwall as discussed in IERs 15, 16 and 17 as well as the potential areas from which borrow materials may be obtained (IERs 25 and 26).

May 22, 2008

Our Lady of Holy Cross College, Moreau Center, 4123 Woodland Dr., New Orleans, LA
Meeting presentation will discuss the Harvey and Algiers Canal Levee and Floodwalls and the Hero Canal as discussed in IERs 12 and 13 as well as the potential areas from which borrow materials may be obtained (IERs 25 and 26).

June 4, 2008

Martin Luther King, Jr. Charter School, 1617 Caffin Ave., New Orleans, LA
Meeting presentation will discuss the possible locations of the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal surge barrier as discussed in IER 11 Tier 2 Borgne* as well as the potential areas from which borrow materials may be obtained (IERs 25 and 26).

July 1, 2008

St. Dominic's Elementary School, 6326 Memphis St., New Orleans, LA
Meeting presentation will discuss the New Orleans Lakefront Levee west of the Industrial Canal, the Outfall Canal Closure Structures, the possible locations of the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal surge barrier as discussed in IERs 4, 5 and 11 Tier 2 Borgne* as well as the potential areas from which borrow materials may be obtained (IERs 25 and 26).

The purpose of each IER is to analyze the impacts of a range of alternatives, analyze the direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts of each and identify a preferred alternative for the hurricane system.

The Corps' alternative arrangements have been coordinated with, and reflect the input of, numerous key federal agencies including the Council on Environmental Quality, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, and the Environmental Protection Agency. Additional input into this process was provided by the State of Louisiana resource agencies and citizens from impacted area.

Visit www.nolaenvironmental.gov for additional information on the NEPA process and Individual Environmental Reports in the greater New Orleans area.

*IER 11 Tier 2 environmental documents better define the actual location of surge barrier protection structures.

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