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## **Corps to provide update on Westbank risk reduction projects**

**NEW ORLEANS** - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, is hosting a public meeting on Thursday, Aug. 21, 2008 at Our Lady of Holy Cross College's Moreau Center, 4123 Woodland Dr., in Algiers to discuss projects that will reduce risk to communities on the Westbank.

"The meeting presentation will detail the alternatives the Corps is recommending to reduce risk to people living and working in Westwego, Harvey, Algiers, Belle Chase and other areas of the Westbank," said Julie Vignes, senior project manager for the Westbank and Vicinity portion of the Greater New Orleans Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System.

The public meeting begins with a Corps-staffed open house at 6 p.m. A formal presentation begins at 7 p.m. and is followed by a discussion period.

The meeting will cover projects discussed in Individual Environmental Reports 12, 13 and 14. IER 12 discusses the Harvey and Algiers Canal levee and floodwalls located in Jefferson, Orleans, and Plaquemines Parishes. IER 13 covers the Hero Canal Levee and Eastern Terminus levee in Plaquemines Parish. IER 14 discusses the Harvey to Westwego Levee in Jefferson Parish. The Corps will also discuss potential areas from which borrow material 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 across the region.

Public meetings are part of the Corps' commitment to environmental compliance efforts and provide construction updates on the proposed system which will reduce the risk of water surge from a storm event that has a one percent chance of occurring in any given year. These meetings are a part of a 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 IERs available for public review by mail, e-mail or by visiting [www.nolaenvironmental.gov](http://www.nolaenvironmental.gov) at any time throughout the environmental analysis period. Questions or comments concerning proposed hurricane storm damage reduction actions should be addressed to:

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