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Corps' Plans Will Reduce Risk to Jefferson Parish by Raising Lakefront Levee

NEW ORLEANS - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District Commander, Col. Alvin Lee, signed the Decision Record for Individual Environmental Report 3 which outlines the plan to reduce risk to communities surrounding the Jefferson Parish Lakefront area by raising levees and improving structures.

Col. Lee signed IER 3 entitled, "Lakefront Levee, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana," on Jul. 28. The final version of the document is available for review on www.nolaenvironmental.gov.

"Each decision record Col. Lee signs meets the environmental requirements necessary for federal projects and brings the Corps closer to completing the Greater New Orleans Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System," said Gib Owen, chief of the Corps' Ecological Planning and Restoration Section.

IER 3 discusses the potential human and environmental impacts of the Corps' action to rebuild, at a higher elevation, 9.5 miles of earthen levees along the Jefferson Parish Lakefront. The preferred alternative also includes the replacement of two floodgates and the construction of protective walls in front of pump stations.

To date Col. Lee has signed Decision Records for nine IER documents. The Corps is currently planning to complete a total of 28 IERs, the count includes two secondary environmental documents for the Industrial Canal.

Alternative National Environmental Policy Act Arrangements allow the Corps to expedite the environmental process required of all federally funded projects while fully complying with the intent of the law.

Questions or comments concerning Individual Environmental Reports or the Corps' environmental process may be addressed to:

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