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Public hearing to provide overview of Corps' recommended plan to replace Industrial Canal Lock

NEW ORLEANS – The Corps will provide an overview of the recommended plan to replace the 85-year old Inner Harbor Navigation Canal Lock at a public hearing on Nov. 12 at Martin Luther King, Jr. Charter School, 1617 Caffin Ave., in the Lower Ninth Ward.

The hearing begins with a one-hour open house at 6 p.m. during which time project managers will be available to answer questions about the project. At 7 p.m. a formal presentation by the Corps will discuss the impacts of the project as discussed in the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement. Attendees will have 3-minutes each to comment on the draft SEIS following the presentation. Responses to questions and comments received during the comment-only period will be addressed in the final SEIS.

“The maritime industry strongly supports replacing the current Industrial Canal Lock,” said Larry Poindexter, senior project manager of the Industrial Canal Lock Replacement Project. “We’ve refined our recommended plan to incorporate feedback from the surrounding community and more fully describe our dredged material disposal plan.”

The New Orleans District released the draft SEIS for 45-day public review on Oct. 10. Comments on the draft will be accepted through Tuesday, Nov. 25.

The SEIS’ recommended plan calls for the new lock to be constructed in two different locations. The off-site construction site, also called a graving site, would be located on the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway and would reduce impacts to nearby neighbors. The second construction site would be at the new lock location, slightly north of the Claiborne Avenue Bridge.

The draft SEIS and appendices are available at:

<http://www.mvn.usace.army.mil/prj/ihnc/>

Printed copies of the document are available for public review 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

Questions about the draft SEIS and the Industrial Canal will be answered during the public hearing open house which is from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Nov. 12. A formal presentation begins at 7:00 p.m. and will be followed by a comment-only period. Responses to questions and comments received during the comment period will be addressed in the final SEIS.

Hard copies and electronic copies of the draft SEIS are available upon request. Please send all requests, inquires, or comments to:

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