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## **Corps public meeting to update Westbank residents**

**NEW ORLEANS** - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, is hosting a public meeting on Thursday, May 22, 2008 at Our Lady of Holy Cross College's Moreau Center, 4123 Woodland Dr., in Algiers to discuss the Greater New Orleans Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System.

"We're getting closer to identifying the engineering solutions that will reduce risk to communities on the Orleans and Jefferson Westbank and Plaquemines Parish," said Julie Vignes, senior project manager for the Westbank levee system. "This information is most relevant to people living in Algiers, Harvey, Gretna, Oakville and Belle Chase."

The meeting will cover projects discussed in Individual Environmental Reports 12 and 13. 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 of the levee in Plaquemines Parish. In addition to IERs 12 and 13, 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.

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 purpose of the meeting is to allow the public an opportunity to provide input on development of the hurricane system.

Public meetings are part of the Corps' commitment to environmental compliance efforts and provide construction updates on the proposed 100-year storm system in the vicinity of the Westbank and Lake Pontchartrain areas. 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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