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Corps releases report on Industrial Canal Lock Replacement Project

NEW ORLEANS - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, has released the draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement discussing the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal Lock Replacement Project for a 45-day public review. The public review period is from Friday, Oct. 10 through Monday, Nov. 24. A public hearing on Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2008 at Martin Luther King, Jr. Charter School, 1617 Caffin Ave., will provide an overview of the SEIS's content and allow the public the opportunity to comment on the report.

"We've reached a project milestone," said Larry Poindexter, senior project manager of the Industrial Canal Lock Replacement Project. "The draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement recommends the Corps replace the lock with a new lock to be located within the current project right-of-way."

The new lock would be partially constructed in five modules at an off-site location, called a graving site. The modules would be floated into place at the new lock site located north of the Claiborne Avenue Bridge. The project would also require replacement of the St. Claude Avenue Bridge.

"A new, modern lock would reduce congestion and ease traffic concerns of navigation," added Poindexter.

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. Please send all requests, inquires, or comments to:

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