New Orleans to Venice, LA (NOV) Plaquemines Parish Federal Levee Public Scoping Meeting

November 3, 2009

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Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Purpose
- Project Description
- Schedule
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Scoping Process

Meeting Purpose

- Describe proposed Federal Action
- Explain Scoping Process
- Solicit Information from the Public

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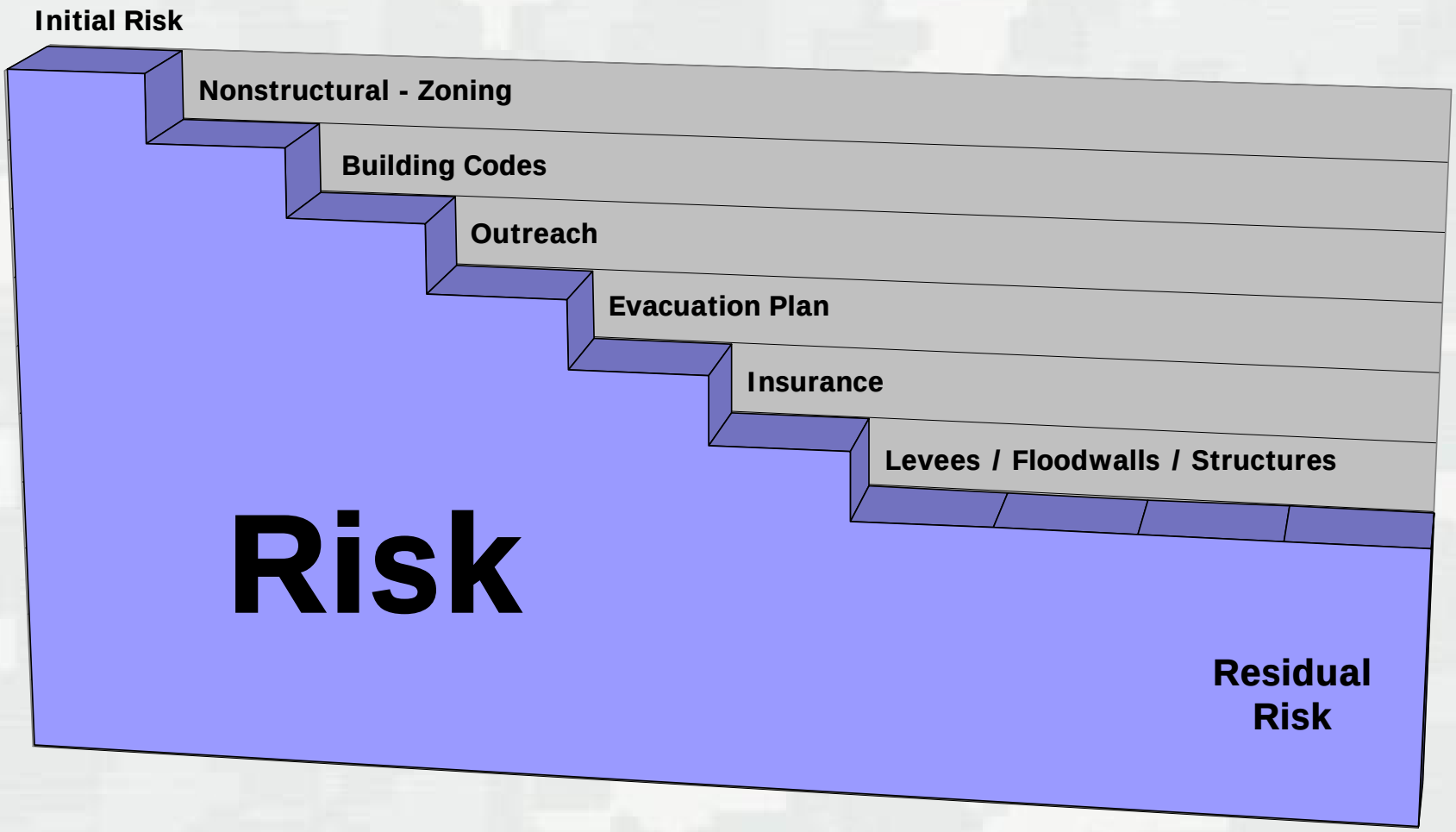

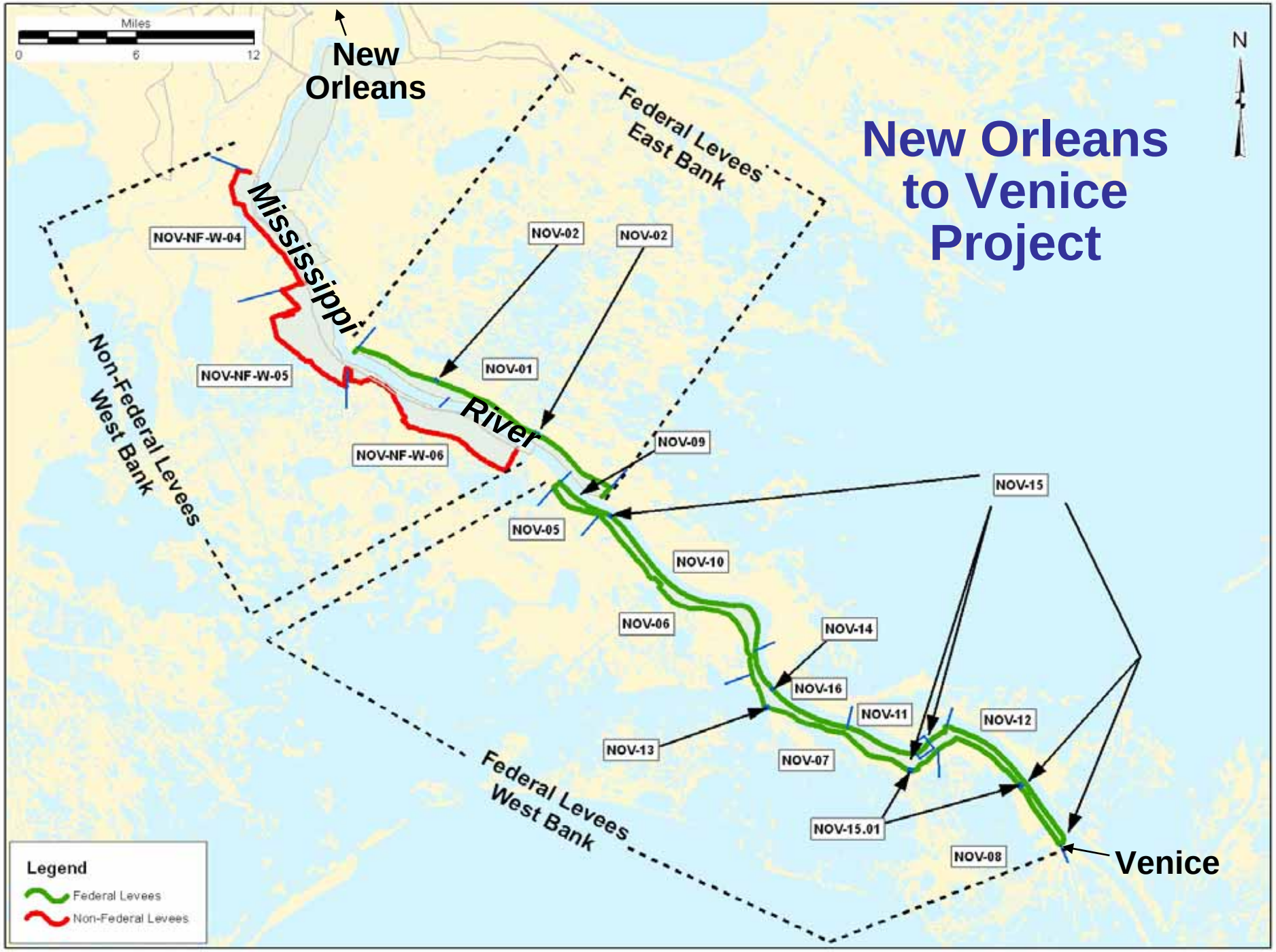
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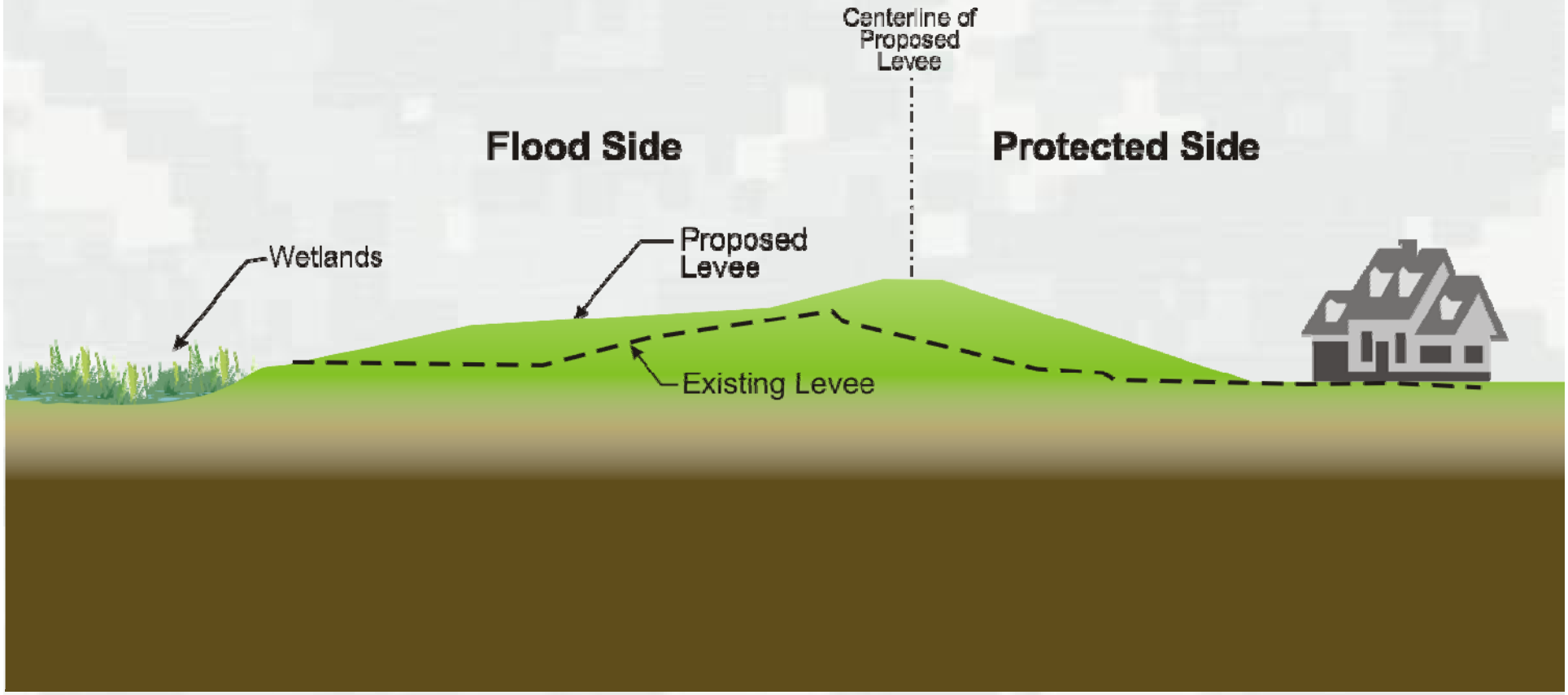

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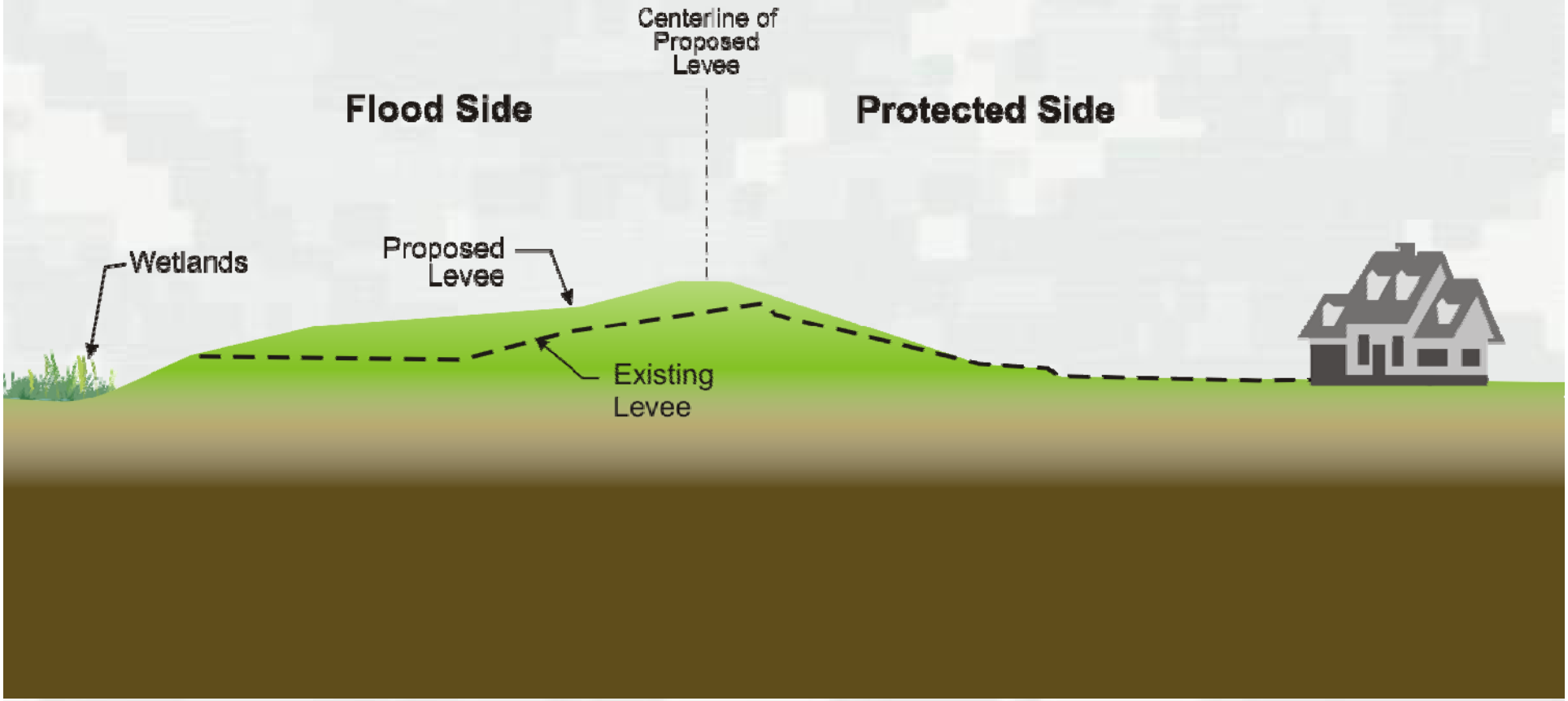

New Orleans to Venice (NOV) Current Project Schedule

▪ Draft SEIS to Public	Jun 2010
▪ Public Meeting	Aug 2010
▪ Sign Record of Decision	Jan 2011
▪ Advertise Contracts	Oct 2011
▪ Construction Complete (1st Contract)	Jun 2012
▪ Construction Complete (Last Contract)	Dec 2013

What is the Scoping Process?

Scoping Process

- Informs the public of the proposed project.
- Identifies issues and concerns that need to be addressed in the environmental document.
- Solicits ideas about alternative methods, sites and approaches.

Scoping Process

Our purpose today is to

listen to you.

Active citizen and stakeholder participation is key!

Scoping Process

Think about these types of concerns…

- Human Impacts
- Endangered Species and Wildlife Impacts
- Cultural Resources and Historic Preservation
- Water Quality
- Air Quality

Potential Scoping Issues

Question #1: What are the most important issues, resources, and impacts that we should consider in the SEIS ?

Examples:

- Hurricane and flood risk reduction
- Protection of the environment (i.e., wetlands, water quality, threatened and endangered species)
- Reduce risk to homes, businesses, other properties
- Reduce risk to infrastructure (i.e., roads, communications)

Potential Scoping Issues

Question #2: Are there any other alternatives or modifications to existing levees that we should consider in the SEIS?

Examples:

- Other levee alignments not yet being considered
- Levees vs. floodwalls

Ground Rules for Comments

- Please complete a speaker request card
- Use the microphone provided and please provide your name, address and/or affiliation
- Limit your comments to 3 minutes
- Written comments will be accepted

Point of Contact for Additional Questions or Comments

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Upcoming Plaquemines Meetings

IER 13 Addendum for the Eastern Tie-In

When: Thursday, November 5, 2009
Open house from 6:00-6:30 p.m.
Presentation begins at 6:30 p.m.

Where: Belle Chasse High School Auditorium
8346 Highway 23
Belle Chasse, LA 70037

NOV Scoping Meeting

When: Tuesday, November 10, 2009
Open house from 6:00-6:30 p.m.
Presentation begins at 6:30 p.m.

Where: Plaquemines Parish District 1 Office
15535 Highway 15
Davant, LA 70040

Thank You for Participating

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