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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District (CEMVN), has prepared an Individual Environmental Report (IER) # 13 (IER # 13) titled "West Bank and Vicinity (WBV), Hero Canal Levee and Eastern Terminus, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana," which is available for your review. The IER public notice is being posted per alternative National Environmental Policy Act arrangements implemented on March 12, 2007. The Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 404 public notice is being posted in accordance with provisions of Title 33 CFR Parts 336.1(b)(1) and 337.1, which establish policy, practices, and procedures to be followed on Federal actions involving the disposal of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States (application of Section 404(b)(1) of the CWA guidelines).

The purpose of the proposed action discussed in IER #13 is to provide hurricane and storm damage risk reduction primarily for the Belle Chasse, Louisiana area. The proposed action consists of constructing and improving approximately 3.3 miles of earthen levees, two pump stations, one stoplog closure structure, vehicular and railroad gates, and an emergency bypass road, along with the necessary floodwall tie-ins. As an additional feature of floodwalls and levees, armoring could be incorporated to protect against erosion and scour on the protected, flood, or both sides of critical portions of levees and floodwalls. Evaluation of the proposed action includes application of the Section 404(b)(1) guidelines promulgated by the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, through 40 CFR 230.

Copies of IER #13 and supporting documents are available at <http://www.nolaenvironmental.gov>, or upon request. Please contact Mr. Gib Owen; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Planning, Programs, and Project Management Division; Environmental Planning and Compliance Branch; CEMVN-PM-RS; P.O. Box 60267; New Orleans, Louisiana 70160-0267; to request a copy. Requests can also be made by calling (504) 862-1337, e-mailing mvnenvironmental@usace.army.mil, or by fax to (504) 862-2088.

The 30-day public review and comment period for IER #13 and the CWA notice will begin on 4/3/09, and end on 5/4/09. Interested parties may express their views on the proposed action, and the disposal of material associated with the proposed action. All comments postmarked on or before the expiration of the comment period for this notice will be considered. All comments should be sent to Mr. Gib Owen.