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## U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Announces Camp Claiborne Public Meeting

FORT WORTH, Texas - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, released its Draft Final Engineering Evaluation / Cost Analysis (EE/CA) report in Aug. 2005 on the investigation of possible unexploded ordnance at the former Camp Claiborne, located 17 miles southwest of Alexandria, Louisiana, in Rapides Parish. Due to Hurricane Katrina response operations the public meeting will now be held on Jan. 25, 2006 at the Louisiana Convention Center, located at 2211 North MacArthur Drive, Alexandria, Louisiana. A sign-in period will be held from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m., during which time light refreshments will be served, followed by a presentation and question and answer session. Public comments will also be accepted at this meeting. All comments will become part of the permanent record of the project.

The public may review the report by visiting the Rapides Parish Public Library (411 Washington Street, Alexandria) or the Kisatchie National Forest Calcasieu Ranger Station (2500 Shreveport Hwy, Pineville). The report is also available on the internet at www.formercampclaiborne.com. The Fort Worth District is seeking public comment on the report through Feb 25, 2006. E-mail comments may be submitted to Dwayne.Ford@swf02.usace.army.mil and written comments by mail to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, ATTN: Dwayne Ford, CESWF-PM-J, P.O. Box 17300, Fort Worth, TX 76102-0300.

The former Camp Claiborne, established in 1940 as a U.S. Army Infantry Training Center, encompasses approximately 30,176 acres. With the end of World War II, the former camp was deactivated and the majority of the land was transferred to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, becoming part of the Kisatchie National Forest.

Further information may be obtained through the Fort Worth District Public Affairs Office at 817.886.1310 or by visiting either the Fort Worth District website at: www.swf.usace.army.mil or the Camp Claiborne project website at: www.formercampclaiborne.com.