

## IER 25 – Government Furnished Borrow Material #3, Multiple Parishes

## **Fact Sheet**

CEMVN will evaluate the potential impacts associated with the possible excavation of Government Furnished borrow areas. Suitable material can be excavated to supply Federal Greater New Orleans Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (GNOHSDRRS) levee and floodwall projects. The proposed action areas are located in southeastern Louisiana. The term "borrow" is used in the fields of construction and engineering to describe material that is dug in one location for use at another location. CEMVN is proposing to use suitable borrow material for construction of the proposed GNOHSDRRS.

The proposed action resulted from the need to provide a total of over 100,000,000 cubic yards of suitable clay for GNOHSDRRS projects that include the completion and improvement of hurricane protection levees in southeastern Louisiana. Additional borrow IERs will be completed until the borrow need has been met. Raising levee elevations and the completion of levees requires the excavation of material from borrow areas necessary for project construction to ensure authorized level of flood protection for local communities.

Due to the importance of providing safety to the citizens of southeastern Louisiana, and the amount of borrow needed to supply levee projects for the GNOHSDRRS, multiple borrow IERs are being prepared. Grouping of individual potential borrow areas into IERs will be determined as they are identified. Construction award and duration is tied to the individual construction contract where the borrow material will be used.

Expected completion date of IER 25: September 2008