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Corps public meetings to discuss risk reduction in Plaquemines Parish

Public meetings scheduled for Jan. 8 and Jan. 14

NEW ORLEANS, LA – The Corps will discuss the proposed and recommended plans to reduce risk to communities in upper and lower Plaquemines Parish during two public meetings in January.

“The Corps is planning to construct a stronger and more reliable hurricane system that will reduce risk to Plaquemines Parish,” said Gib Owen, chief of Ecological Planning and Restoration. “Public meetings are an opportunity for people to provide input on development of the system.”

On Thursday, Jan. 8 Corps project managers will discuss the proposed action to reduce risk to Belle Chasse and upper Plaquemines Parish as it will be discussed in Individual Environmental Report 13. The presentation will also address borrow, the clay material used to build earthen levees. Impacts of excavating borrow are captured in IERs 18, 19, 22, 23, 25 and 26.

Details of the **Jan. 8, 2009** public meeting are:

Open House 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Presentation 7 p.m.

St. Paul’s Benevolent Association Hall

128 E. St. Peter St., Oakville, LA 70037

The Wednesday, **Jan. 14, 2009** public meeting will discuss the recommended plan to upgrade the current Plaquemines Parish Non-Federal Levees as it will be discussed in the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement.

Details of the Jan. 14 public meeting are:

Open House 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Presentation 7 p.m.

Woodland Plantation

21997 Highway 23
Port Sulphur, LA 70083

Public meetings are part of the Corps' commitment to meet National Environmental Policy Act compliance efforts and to provide construction updates on the hurricane system.

Questions or comments concerning Individual Environmental Reports or the Corps' environmental processes may be addressed to:

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For more information or to sign up to be on a meeting notification list please visit the following web site: www.nolaenvironmental.gov.

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