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Corps grants extension for review of final MRGO ecosystem restoration plan

NEW ORLEANS – As requested, the Corps of Engineers has extended the public review period for the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet (MRGO) Ecosystem Restoration Final Environmental Impact Statement and Feasibility Study report for an additional 10 days, now ending September 6, 2012.

This extension allows additional time for members of the public to submit comments regarding the restoration plan for areas affected by the MRGO navigation channel. The final report, prepared by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, outlines the Federally Identified Plan for restoring more than 57,000 acres of habitat within the MRGO ecosystem, a nationally significant area.

The MRGO Ecosystem Restoration Final Environmental Impact Statement and Feasibility Study report documents are available online at www.mrgo.gov. Hard copies are also available by request.

Questions or comments concerning the MRGO Ecosystem Restoration project should be addressed to:

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The MRGO Ecosystem Restoration Federally Identified Plan (FIP) is an approximately \$3 billion restoration plan that would benefit the Central Wetlands, Lake Borgne ecosystem and the Biloxi Marsh in St. Bernard Parish. Features outlined in the plan include the creation of marsh and swamp habitat through the placement of dredge material, planting swamp and wetland vegetation, protecting shorelines with rock breakwaters and creating oyster reef.

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