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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **Corps seeks comments on Plaquemines Parish non-federal levees**

Levees could become part of New Orleans to Venice Hurricane Protection Project

NEW ORLEANS – The New Orleans District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is hosting two public meetings to provide information and solicit comments on improving storm surge protection along the non-federal levees on the west bank of Plaquemines Parish.

The meetings will begin with an open house at 5:30 p.m., immediately followed by brief presentations at 6 p.m. and an open floor for public comments. The meetings will be held at the following locations:

- **March 27, Woodland Plantation Spirits Hall, 21997 Hwy 23, Port Sulphur**
- **March 28, Belle Chasse Middle School gymnasium, 13492 Hwy 23, Belle Chasse**

There are two questions to be considered for comments that would be helpful in the supplemental Environmental Impact Statement:

1. What are the most important issues, resources, and impacts that should be considered in the supplemental Environmental Impact Statement?
2. Are there any other alternatives or modifications to the tentative alternatives that should be considered in the supplemental Environmental Impact Statement?

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#### ADD 1-1-1 Plaquemines Parish non-federal levees

Congress has directed the Corps to conduct a study to replace or modify certain non-federal levees in Plaquemines Parish and incorporate the levees into the existing New Orleans to Venice hurricane protection project. The purpose is to provide improved storm surge protection and to protect evacuation routes.

Participants are encouraged to voice concerns appropriate to the study during the meeting. In addition, written comments postmarked no later than April 13, 2007, as well as e-mails and faxes transmitted no later than April 13, 2007 will be included in the scoping report.

Please direct written comments and questions regarding the draft supplemental Environmental Impact Statement to: Alan Bennett, CEMVN-PM-RP, P.O. Box 60267, New Orleans, LA 70160-0267; at 504-862-2516; or via e-mail at [alan.w.bennett@mvn02.usace.army.mil](mailto:alan.w.bennett@mvn02.usace.army.mil).