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## **Corps of Engineers expands Hurricane Protection System online format**

NEW ORLEANS— The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mississippi Valley Division, Task Force Hope announced today it has expanded and updated its Hurricane Protection System Web site at [www.mvn.usace.army.mil/hps](http://www.mvn.usace.army.mil/hps).

The Web site enables all stakeholders, including residents, elected officials, property owners, and the general public, to get the most up-to-date information on the hurricane protection system's ongoing projects through online access.

Expanded information includes the status for all authorized projects. Projects can be found by clicking on the link for the appropriate parish. Project information includes the number of projects and the design, construction and completion status, along with contract progress and upcoming contract solicitations/awards.

The most recent issue of Task Force Hope's Status Report Newsletter is regularly posted under the "Items of Special Interest." "Items of Special Interest" also includes new project photos and levee assessment height maps, as well as links to the volume summaries of the released findings of the Interagency Evaluation Performance Task Force (IPET). The IPET looked at the performance of the hurricane protection system during Hurricane Katrina and evaluated how the system's components performed as part of an integrated system.

Additionally, a virtual media resource center, <http://www.mvn.usace.army.mil/hps/mediacenter.htm> is now available online especially for media representatives to have quick access to news releases on Hurricane Protection System projects, Corps contact information and background

on projects and Task Force Hope. Users who may have questions after reading the Corps material posted on the site will find contact information for public information officers.

“This Web site enables interested persons to have access to information on subjects ranging from contracting to pumping capacities,” said Dan Hitchings, Director, Task Force Hope. “Visitors to the site will be able to examine several complex projects in detail to get a better understanding of the Corps’ ongoing hurricane protection work.”