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Corps to host nine public meetings on 100-year hurricane and storm damage reduction actions

NEW ORLEANS – The New Orleans District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will conduct a series of nine scoping meetings in the New Orleans area to gather public comments on the proposed 100-year hurricane protection for the West Bank and the Lake Pontchartrain hurricane protection projects. Ideas and issues taken from these meetings will be incorporated into the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) study process for the draft Individual Environmental Reports the Corps is preparing for the proposed work.

All nine of the public meetings will begin at 7 p.m. at the following locations:

- March 27 - Dougie V's Restaurant, Banquet Hall, 13899 River Road, Luling
- March 28 - Westwego City Council Chamber, 419 Avenue A, Westwego
- March 29 - American Legion Hall, Post 366, 12188 River Road, St. Rose
- April 3 - Our Lady of Holy Cross College, 4123 Woodland Drive, New Orleans
- April 4 - St. Bernard Parish Gov't Building, 8201 West Judge Perez, Chalmette
- April 5 - Jefferson Parish Regional Library, 4747 W. Napoleon Avenue, Metairie
- April 10 - Belle Chasse Auditorium, 8398 Highway 23, Belle Chasse
- April 11 - Avalon Hotel & Conference Center, 10100 I-10 Service Road, New Orleans East
- April 12 - National WWII Museum, 945 Magazine Street, New Orleans

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ADD 1-1-1 Individual Environmental Reports

Congress and the Administration have authorized the Corps to investigate, design, and construct a 100-year hurricane protection system in the New Orleans area. By way of these meetings, the Corps is initiating an analysis of the potential impacts to the human environment that may occur if the Corps were to complete this work.

The Corps will analyze the proposed hurricane and storm damage reduction actions for the sub-basins within the Lake Pontchartrain and West Bank hurricane protection areas in a series of Individual Environmental Reports. Each report will identify the proposed actions and will investigate alternatives, direct, indirect, cumulative impacts, and mitigation for impacts to the human environment. Exact alignments and work to be completed will be determined as part of the NEPA process. Individual Environmental Reports will also be prepared for proposed borrow material and mitigation plans.

Detailed information on the proposed hurricane and storm damage reduction actions can be found at:

www.mvn.usace.army.mil/pd/envir_processes_NEPA/Index.htm.

The public meetings will begin with a description of the Corps environmental process, followed by a presentation on the proposed work with an emphasis on the work in the sub-basin where the meeting is being held. A short question and answer period will follow after which meeting participants will have the opportunity to comment. Participants are asked to consider alternatives to the proposed actions, as well as what important issues, resources, and/or impacts relative to the project the Corps should consider in the Individual Environmental Reports.

In addition to receiving comments at the meetings, the Corps will also accept written comments by mail, provided that these letters are postmarked no later than 30 days from the date of the last meeting.

Questions concerning the proposed hurricane and storm damage reduction actions should be addressed to Gib Owen, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, PM-RS, P.O. Box 60267, New Orleans, LA 70160-0267; phone: 504-862-1337; fax: 504-862-2088; or by email: mvnenvironmental@mvn02.usace.army.mil.