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Environmental justice meets the 100-year hurricane protection system

Corps targets disengaged communities

NEW ORLEANS - The New Orleans District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is hosting a public meeting on Tuesday, December 11 at St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church, 7300 Crowder Boulevard, to discuss environmental justice concerns regarding the New Orleans metro area 100-year hurricane protection system.

The meeting will run from 7 - 9 p.m. and will provide the opportunity for everyone, especially low income and minority communities, to learn about the projects that may affect their neighborhoods. The meeting also gives citizens the chance to present their comments to the Corps for consideration regarding protection alternatives.

The meeting is part of the Corps' commitment to a series of public meetings to get information to local residents on the hurricane protection system and for the public to provide feedback on the project alternatives under consideration. In addition to providing project updates, the Corps will also familiarize attendees with the environmental justice process and how it relates to the 100-year project.

The Corps encourages the public to provide written comments on the alternatives for the hurricane protection system by mail, e-mail or by visiting www.nolaenvironmental.gov at any time throughout the environmental analysis period. The public can also go to this Web site to sign up for meeting notices.

Questions or comments regarding environmental justice concerns for the hurricane protection system can be directed to Dr. Edwin Lyon at 504-862-2550 or by e-mail at edwin.a.lyon@usace.army.mil.