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Total closure selected plan for MRGO

NEW ORLEANS – Today, during a public meeting in St. Bernard Parish, the Corps announced that Alternative 1 – Construct a Total Closure Structure Across the MRGO Near Bayou La Loutre Immediately – has emerged as the plan deemed most beneficial both economically and environmentally in the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet Deep-Draft De-authorization (MRGO 3D) Report. The Corps has defined this Alternative as the “Tentative Plan.”

At the meeting, more than 100 attendees had the opportunity to ask questions regarding the MRGO-3D draft final report, which is anticipated for completion by the Corps and provided to Congress in December 2007.

Throughout the report’s progress, public and stakeholder comments have been influential in plan formation. Many of the measures incorporated into the Interim Report were solicited comments from the public and stakeholders. Subsequent to further analysis, aspects of these plans were eliminated based on either their economic analysis or negative impacts to recreational and commercial vessel usage.

The Draft Final Report to Congress is due to be released later this month. Once finalized, it will be available on the MRGO Web site.