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### **Category 5 hurricane protection meetings to be held in Houma / Larose**

NEW ORLEANS – The Corps of Engineers, in partnership with the State of Louisiana, will hold two public meetings to present the currently considered alternatives for Category 5 hurricane alignments and related coastal restoration features, and to solicit comments from the public on the full scope of issues to be considered.

Both meetings are on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.:

- **May 11** in Houma at the Recreation District 11 Gym, 5 Boundary Road
- **May 18** in Larose at the Larose Civic Center, 307 East Fifth Street

Congress has directed the Corps to prepare a technical report with recommendations for Comprehensive Category 5 protection for South Louisiana. The preliminary report is due to Congress by June 2006, with a final report due December 2007.

The Corps has held numerous public meetings and planning sessions for input over the past few months and would appreciate hearing the comments and concerns from the citizens of Larose and Houma areas.

Alternatives under consideration include:

Structural. Earthen levees or concrete walls with floodgates and other devices.

Structural-coastal restoration combination. Structural with coastal wetlands and barrier island restoration commensurate to the level of structural fortification to protect against a Category 5 hurricane.

Non-structural. Elevating homes and improving evacuation plans, with coastal restoration.

No action. Maintain current protection against a Category 3 hurricane.

In addition to the contact information above, questions and comments can be provided through the web site at <http://www.LaCPR.usace.army.mil> or by U.S. mail to LaCPR EIS Environmental Manager, CEMVN-PM-R, P.O. Box 60267, N.O. La 70160-0267.