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Corps hosts public meeting to discuss government and contractor furnished borrow material

NEW ORLEANS - The New Orleans District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, is hosting a public meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 10, 2007 to discuss Individual Environmental Report (IER) 18, titled Government Furnished Borrow Material, and IER 19, titled Pre-Approved Contractor Furnished Borrow Material. The meeting will be in the District Assembly Room of the district office which is located at 7400 Leake Avenue, also known as River Road, just upriver from Audubon Zoo in New Orleans.

The meeting is open to the public; however federal security standards require all visitors, including meeting attendees, to bring with them a photo identification card such as a driver's license or US passport to gain access to the building.

Borrow material will be used to rebuild and complete construction of the Hurricane and Storm Damage Reduction System in the metropolitan New Orleans area. Current estimates show the Corps needs approximately 145 million cubic yards of borrow to complete 350 miles of earthen levees and floodwalls throughout six parishes. Potential sites of land that meet the Corps' strict composition standards are located in Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles and St. Tammany parishes as well as areas in Mississippi.

The meeting is part of the Corps' commitment to a series of public meetings on environmental compliance efforts and construction updates on the proposed 100-year storm damage reduction system for the West Bank and Lake Pontchartrain and vicinity areas. The meetings are a part of the National Environmental Policy Act alternative arrangements, and are held to solicit comments from the public on different possible alternatives for hurricane protection.

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The Corps encourages the public to also 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. Questions or comments concerning 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 e-mail at: mvnenvironmental@usace.army.mil. For more information or to sign up to be on a meeting notification list please visit the following web site: www.nolaenvironmental.gov.

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