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## **MRGO Draft Final Report and Legislative Environmental Impact Statement available on the Corps' Web site**

*LACPR information also online*

NEW ORLEANS – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers made the [Mississippi River Gulf Outlet Deep-Draft De-Authorization \(MRGO\) Draft Final Report and Legislative Environmental Impact Statement \(LEIS\)](#) available on its Web site. To view, click on the link above.

In mid-July, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)-required 45-day public comment period will begin. During this time, the public is encouraged to review the report and provide comments to the Corps. These comments, which can also be submitted through the same Web site, will be taken into consideration by the Corps in the final report.

In addition, the public may also view the [Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration \(LACPR\) Plan Formulation Atlas, the Risk Informed Decision Framework, and the Stage Frequency Statistics/Probability Analysis \(JPM-OS\)](#) via the web.

These documents are key pieces of the planning information for the LACPR effort, and the MRGO-3D plan is an important part of the larger efforts of recovery, hurricane protection and coastal restoration in south Louisiana.

Congress authorized construction of the MRGO in 1956 to allow for quicker travel for navigation between the Gulf of Mexico and the Port of New Orleans. Congress has now directed the Corps to develop a comprehensive plan to de-authorize deep draft navigation on the MRGO, extending from the Gulf of Mexico to the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway.

The Final MRGO Deep-Draft De-Authorization Report and the Final Legislative Environmental Impact Statement are anticipated to be completed by the Corps and provided to Congress in December 2007. The final recommended plan will be part of the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Report (LACPR), also due to Congress in December 2007.