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PUBLIC NOTICE: MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

**THE DRAFT PROGRAMMATIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
AND DRAFT LOUISIANA COASTAL AREA (LCA), LOUISIANA - ECOSYSTEM
RESTORATION STUDY**

Meetings:

July 27, 2004 - Fredrick J. Sigur Civic Center, 8245 West Judge Perez Drive, Chalmette, Louisiana
July 28, 2004 - Cameron Parish Police Jury, 110 Smith Circle, Cameron, Louisiana
July 29, 2004 - Beaumont Hilton, 2355 I-10 South, Beaumont, Texas
August 3, 2004 - Larose Civic Center, 307 East 5th Street, Larose, Louisiana
August 4, 2004 - Cyr - Gates Community Center, 300 Parkview Drive, New Iberia, Louisiana
August 5, 2004 - Mandeville Community Center, 3090 East Causeway Approach, Mandeville, Louisiana
August 9, 2004 - Best Western of Louisiana, 2720 MacArthur Drive, Alexandria, Louisiana
August 10, 2004 - Hancock County Civic Center, 3066 Longfellow Drive, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi
August 12, 2004 - Radisson Hotel Memphis, 185 Union Street, Memphis, Tennessee

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District invites your participation to comment on the draft programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (DPEIS) and draft Louisiana Coastal Area (LCA), Louisiana - Ecosystem Restoration Study. The Study identifies the most critical natural and human ecological needs of coastal Louisiana and develops and recommends a near-term program of cost-effective projects to address these needs. Implementation of the LCA ecosystem restoration plan would make significant progress towards achieving and sustaining a coastal ecosystem that can support and protect the environment, economy, and culture of southern Louisiana and thus, contribute to the economy and well being of the nation. Benefits to and effects on existing infrastructure, including navigation, hurricane protection, flood control, land transportation works, agricultural lands, and oil and gas production and distribution facilities were strongly considered in the formulation of coastal restoration plans.

Comment Period: Public meetings to comment on the DPEIS and the draft Study Report will be held at the above described dates and locations during the 45-day comment period from 9 July 2004 to 23 August 2004. Copies of the DPEIS and the draft Study Report have been mailed to the following public libraries and will also be located on the world wide web at: <http://www.lca.gov>.

Acadia Parish Library / Crowley
Allen Parish Library / Oberlin
Ascension Parish Library / Donaldsonville, LA
Assumption Parish Library / Napoleonville, LA
Avoyelles Parish Library / Marksville, LA
Beauregard Parish Library / DeRidder, LA
Bienville Parish Library / Arcadia, LA
Bossier Parish Library / Bossier City, LA
Calcasieu Public Library / Lake Charles, LA

Cameron Parish Library / Cameron, LA
Catahoula Parish Library / Harrisonburg, LA
Claiborne Parish Library / Homer, LA
Concordia Parish Library / Ferriday, LA
Desoto Parish / Mansfield, LA
Earl K. Long Library / UNO - Lakefront Campus /
New Orleans, LA
East Baton Rouge Parish Library / Baton Rouge, LA
East Carroll Parish Library / Lake Providence, LA

Evangeline Parish Library / Ville Platte, LA
Franklin Parish Library / Winnsboro, LA
Grant Parish Library / Colfax, LA
Iberville Parish Library / Plaquemine, LA
Jackson Parish Library / Jonesboro, LA
Jefferson Davis Parish Library / Jennings, LA
Jefferson Parish Library / Metairie, LA
Lafayette Natural History Museum & Planetarium /
Lafayette, LA
Lafayette Public Library / Lafayette, LA
Lafourche Parish Library / Thibodaux, LA
Lasalle Parish Library / Jena, LA
Leslie Blanchard Iberia Parish Library /
New Iberia, LA
Library Louisiana State University / Baton Rouge,
LA
Lincoln Parish Library / Ruston, LA
Livingston Parish Library / Livingston, LA
Louisiana Collection Special Collections Tulane, LA
University Libraries / New Orleans, LA
Madison Parish Library / Tallulah, LA
Morehouse Parish Library / Bastrop, LA
Natchitoches Parish Library / Natchitoches, LA
New Orleans Public Library / New Orleans, LA
Opelousas-Eunice Public Library / Opelousas, LA
Ouachita Parish / Monroe, LA
Plaquemines Parish Library / Buras, LA
Pointe Coupee Parish Library / New Roads, LA

Rapides Parish Library / Alexandria, LA
Red River Parish Library / Coushatta, LA
Richland Parish Library / Rayville, LA
Sabine Parish Library / Many, LA
Shreve Memorial Library / Shreveport, LA
St. Bernard Parish Library / Chalmette, LA
St. Charles Parish Library / Luling, LA
St. James Parish Library / Litcher, LA
St. John The Baptist Parish Library / LaPlace, LA
St. Martin Parish Library / St. Martinsville, LA
St. Mary Parish Library / Franklin, LA
St. Tammany Parish Library / Covington, LA
State Library of Louisiana / Baton Rouge, LA
Tangipahoa Parish Library / Amite, LA
Tensas Parish Library / St. Joseph, LA
Terrebonne Parish Library / Houma, LA
Union Parish Library / Farmerville, LA
Vermilion Parish Library / Abbeville, LA
Vernon Parish Library / Leesville, LA
Washington Parish Library / Franklinton, LA
Webster Parish Library / Minden, LA
West Baton Rouge Parish Library / Port Allen, LA
West Carroll Library Highway 17 & Amp Marietta
Street / Oak Grove, LA
Winn Parish Library / Winnfield, LA

Address Comments on the Draft Study Report to: Mr. Tim Axtman, CEMVN-PM-C; P.O. Box 60267, New Orleans, Louisiana 70160-0267. Letters of comment on the Study Report must be postmarked not later than 23 August 2004.

Address Comments on the Draft Programmatic EIS to: Dr. William P. Klein, Jr., CEMVN-PM-RS, P.O. Box 60267, New Orleans, Louisiana 70160-0267. Letters of comment on the DPEIS must be postmarked not later than 23 August 2004.

Meeting Format:

6:00 - 6:30 pm: Open House (general information about the proposed LCA program and process).
6:30 - 7:30 pm: Overview of the proposed LCA Ecosystem Restoration Plan followed by a question and answer session.
7:30 pm - until completed: Formal public comments on the DPEIS and draft Study Report.

Additional Information: Requests for additional information regarding the study may be made to the study manager: Mr. Tim Axtman at 504-862-1921. Requests for information regarding the DPEIS may be made to the environmental manager Dr. William P. Klein, Jr., at 504-862-2540.

Date

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