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## **Public meeting in Houma: hurricane protection project** *Come Wednesday night to comment on \$680 million project*

NEW ORLEANS – The public is invited to comment Wednesday night on a \$680-million plan for hurricane and environmental protection in Terrebonne and Lafourche parishes.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has scheduled the Public Meeting for 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 12, at the Houma Municipal Auditorium, 880 Verret Street, in Houma.

The proposed Morganza to the Gulf of Mexico Hurricane Protection Project is detailed in Volume 1 of the 369-page Draft Feasibility Report and the Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement. Attached to these documents are 12 foldout color plates and an extensive set of exhibits.

“This project would have a great impact on the future of this area, and it is our obligation to hear what the public has to say about it,” said Col. Thomas Julich, district engineer, New Orleans District.

Copies of Volume 1 have been distributed to local government, media and other interested parties. Other volumes are being distributed as they are completed. Copies will be made available at the Public Meeting.

The project study area is 1,400 square miles of Terrebonne and Lafourche parishes. The focus of the project is 72 miles of levee south of Houma. Where the levee is intersected by waterways, it would be supplemented with a 200- by 1,200-foot multipurpose lock (Houma Navigation Canal) and numerous control structures and gates.