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PUBLIC NOTICE

**U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS,
MOBILE DISTRICT**

**PUBLIC HEARING
FOR THE**

**DRAFT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND INTEGRATED PROGRAMMATIC
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

FOR THE

**MISSISSIPPI COASTAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM (MsCIP)
HANCOCK, HARRISON, AND JACKSON COUNTIES, MISSISSIPPI**

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

Interested persons are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District (Corps) has scheduled public hearings to be held on March 16, 17, and 19, 2009 at the identified below locations in each of three coastal Mississippi counties. The formal public hearings will begin at 6:30 pm. A workshop will be held at 5:30 pm prior to the formal public hearings. A copy of the Draft Comprehensive Plan/Integrated Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is located at the following website <http://www.sam.usace.army.mil>. A copy of the full document may also be viewed at the Pascagoula, Ocean Springs, Biloxi, Gulfport, and Bay Saint Louis libraries in coastal Mississippi. In addition, an electronic copy of the draft report is available upon request from the below contact.

The Corps has prepared the Draft Comprehensive Plan/Integrated Programmatic EIS to address the potential impacts associated with actions to comprehensively address hurricane and storm damage reduction, prevention of saltwater intrusion, preservation of fish and wildlife, prevention of erosion, and other related water resource purposes in coastal Mississippi. These actions are related to the consequences of hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico in 2005. The Corps will forward recommendations to Congress as authorized by the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2006 (Pub. L. 109-148) dated December 30, 2005. The draft report provides an evaluation of proposed elements being tentatively selected for construction or advanced engineering and design and their effects to the environment. The tentatively selected

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comprehensive plan elements for construction include ecosystem restoration of the barrier islands, mainland beaches, and sites at Admiral Island, Turkey Creek, Dantzler, Bayou Cumbest, Franklin Creek, Deer Island, and submerged aquatic vegetation in Bayou Cumbest, which will restore approximately 3,210 acres of emergent tidal marsh, wet pine savannah, scrub/shrub, submerged aquatic vegetation, and beach and dune habitats. In conjunction with the ecosystem restoration efforts, the Draft Comprehensive Plan/Integrated Programmatic EIS recommends tentatively selected flood damage reduction elements, including Forrest Heights Levee, High Hazard Area Risk Reduction Plan Phase I, Waveland Flood Proofing Pilot Projects, and Moss Point Municipal Facility relocation. The environmental analysis is conducted on two different levels which include an evaluation of the overall Comprehensive Plan and its components that require further study before being tentatively selected for construction in the future. The second level of analysis considers effects of specific comprehensive plan elements being tentatively selected for construction and/or advanced engineering and design. The purpose of these public hearings is to receive public input and comments regarding the Draft Comprehensive Plan/Integrated Programmatic EIS.

PUBLIC HEARING LOCATIONS:

Monday, March 16, 2009

Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Jackson County Campus
Cafeteria Building
Highway 90
Gautier, Jackson County, Mississippi

Tuesday, March 17, 2009

Bay-Waveland Middle School
School Cafeteria
600 Pine St.
Bay St. Louis, Hancock County, Mississippi

Thursday, March 19, 2009

Mississippi State University Coastal Research & Extension Center
8115 Popp's Ferry Road
Biloxi, Harrison County, Mississippi

COORRESPONDCE:

Public comments can be submitted through a variety of methods. Written comments may be submitted to the Corps by mail, facsimile, or electronic methods. Comments (written or oral) may also be presented at the public hearings. In order to allow everyone the opportunity to provide comments, formal comments at the public hearings will be limited per person to three

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(3) minutes. Should you have comments that require a longer timeframe; those comments can be submitted via the above described methods.

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