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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers schedules public meeting for Kansas City levees study, environmental impact statement

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will meet with the public to discuss a Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Kansas City Levees Feasibility study at 6:30 p.m. July 13 in the Jack Reardon Convention Center, 500 Minnesota Ave., Kansas City, Kan.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement and the Kansas City Levees Feasibility Study examine alternatives and a proposed plan for improvements to the existing levee system aimed at reducing flood risk and improving levee reliability in the Kansas City metropolitan area.

The Kansas City Local Flood Protection Project is an existing flood damage reduction project comprised of seven levee units: Argentine Unit; Armourdale Unit; Birmingham Unit; Central Industrial District Unit; East Bottoms (Northeast Industrial District) Unit; Fairfax-Jersey Creek Unit; and the North Kansas City Unit.

The seven-levee system provides flood protection to about 32 square miles of mostly urban, industrial, commercial and some residential property adjacent to the Kansas and Missouri Rivers in the Kansas City metropolitan area. Businesses in the protected area provide employment for approximately 90,000 individuals. In addition, the protected area has over 19,000 residents.

Individuals, organizations, and agencies may participate by attending the public meeting or by emailing comments on the DEIS to Dr. Christopher White at Christopher.m.white@nwk02.usace.army.mil, by mail to Kansas City District, Corps of Engineers, 601 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64106-2896, and by phone 816-389-3158 prior to July 17, 2006. The DEIS may be viewed at local libraries or downloaded on the Internet at <http://www.nwk.usace.army.mil/projects/7levees>

Editor's Note: Public email comments on the DEIS may be sent to KClevees@nwk02.usace.army.mil. Media inquiries may be addressed to the Kansas City District Public Affairs Office at (816) 389-3486. Questions concerning the DEIS should be addressed to Dr. Christopher White at Christopher.M.White@nwk02.usace.army.mil.