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Corps of Engineers to hold public meeting on emergency repairs to Port Arthur and Vicinity Federal Hurricane Flood Protection project

The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers Galveston District, in conjunction with the Jefferson County Drainage District #7, will hold a public meeting, Wednesday, March 18, 2009, at 6 p.m. in the Port Arthur City Council Chambers to present information and seek comments regarding emergency repairs to the Port Arthur and Vicinity Federal Hurricane Flood Protection project damaged by Hurricane Ike.

Proposed rehabilitation and repairs to the Port Arthur and Vicinity Hurricane Flood Protection Project include the following:

- Prevention of further erosion along portions of the levee toe, using riprap and stabilizing vegetation;
- Prevention of further erosion along the T-wall by replacing the eroded areas with a concrete "scour pad" in accordance with new guidance developed post-Hurricane Katrina;
- Repairs of cover stone damage using various methods depending on the type of damage in each location – including use of riprap in place of cover stone;
- Repair of the Taylors Bayou slope failure by removing and improving the soil at slope failure areas.

Staff from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jefferson County Drainage District #7 and engineering consultants assisting in the project design will be available to answer questions and speak with the public and interested parties regarding concerns and issues that should be considered as the project is studied, evaluated and designed. An open house featuring displays of the proposed project will also be available for public viewing.

Those who are unable to attend the meeting but wish to submit comments may do so on or before April 16, 2009. Comments should be directed to Jerry L. Androy, Jerry.L.Androy@usace.army.mil or by telephone, (409) 766-3821. Written comments may be mailed to: U. S. Army Corps of Engineers Galveston District, Attn: Jerry L. Androy, P. O. Box 1229, Galveston, Texas 77553-1229.

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