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Regional Planning and Environment Division, South

UPDATE MEMORADUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Vicksburg District, published in the Federal Register a draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) addressing a proposed Federal Action on the Pearl River Basin titled "Pearl River Basin, Mississippi Federal Flood Risk Management Project,". The USACE notified the public of its release on 7 June 2024 in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Council of Environmental Quality's Regulations for Implementing NEPA, Section 1506.6, Public Involvement.

The USACE has received requests from the public regarding a 45-day extension of the comment period set to expire 22 July 2024. It was determined that a **15-day extension** will be granted for the comment period of the documents associated with the Pearl River Basin, Mississippi Federal Flood Risk Management Project. This will change the comment period end date to **6 August 2024.**

The DEIS, appendices, and the Commander's Report are available online at the following weblink: https://www.mvk.usace.army.mil/Missions/Programs-and-Project-Management/Pearl-River/. Comments postmarked on or before the expiration date 6 August 2024 will be considered.

Public Hearings are planned for 27 June 2024 and 10-11 July 2024. Specific details on the time and location of the public hearings are posted on the project website. Comments may be submitted by email to PearlRiverFRM@usace.army.mil, or by mail to Mr. Eric Williams; Chief, Environmental Branch, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Regional Planning and Environmental Division South; CEMVN–PDS; 7400 Leake Avenue; New Orleans, Louisiana 70118.

Sincerely,

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