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New Orleans Public Meeting for GLMRIS Brandon Road

CHICAGO -- Thursday, Jan. 8, 2015 the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) will host a public meeting and webinar to present information on the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study (GLMRIS)-Brandon Road effort. The public is invited to attend. The Jan. 8 meeting will be held at the Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District office, Assembly Room A, 7400 Leake Avenue, New Orleans, La. from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. (central time).

USACE plans to evaluate a range of aquatic nuisance species (ANS) controls that could be applied near the Brandon Road Lock and Dam to address the transfer of ANS from the Mississippi River Basin to the Great Lakes Basin. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), an environmental impact statement (EIS) will be developed concurrently with the technical evaluations of possible ANS controls at the Brandon Road Lock and Dam, located near Joliet, Ill.

As part of the NEPA scoping process, USACE is seeking input from stakeholders, tribes, and the public on the scope of issues to be addressed by the GLMRIS-Brandon Road evaluation and any significant issues related to potential actions at or near the Brandon Road site. Using input obtained during the scoping period, USACE will refine the GLMRIS-Brandon Road effort to focus on significant issues, as well as eliminate issues that are not significant from further detailed study.

The meeting will begin with a presentation followed by an oral comment period. During the meeting, USACE will also collect written comments. Virtual participation will also be available via a web-enabled format.

For additional information about the public meeting including webinar details, meeting locations, or to submit an electronic comment, please visit <http://glmrис.anl.gov/brandon-rd>. In addition to the public meetings, public comments can be submitted to USACE through Jan. 30, 2015, by using the website at <http://glmrис.anl.gov/brandon-rd>, or through mail or hand delivery to GLMRIS - Brandon Road Scoping, 231 S. LaSalle St., Suite 1500, Chicago, IL 60604.

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