

## **Corps awards contract to supply earthen clay material in New Orleans East**

NEW ORLEANS – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers awarded a \$64.9 million contract on Dec. 4 to Chapel Hill, LLC, a Louisiana-based firm, to supply and deliver the earthen clay material needed to complete 100-year levee work on two reaches in New Orleans East.

The work includes furnishing all of the necessary management, labor, supervision, materials, transportation, equipment, processing, supply and delivery of earthen clay material to designated project areas. The project areas extend from South Point to CSX Railroad and from the opposite side of the CSX Railroad gate to the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal Surge Barrier.

Earthen levee construction requires a specific type of clay material which compacts well and prevents seepage. Before any borrow material is used for levee construction, soil borings, testing and environmental clearance is completed to determine whether the material is suitable. In this case, material will come from pre-approved pits that have already been environmentally cleared by the Corps.