Federal Emergency Management Agency

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
Airport Operations Facility
City of Vero Beach, Indian River County, Florida
FEMA-1545-DR-FL

Background

The proposed project seeks to construct a new Airport Operations Facility at the City of Vero Beach Municipal Airport (Airport) in Vero Beach, Indian River County, Florida. Vero Beach Municipal Airport is a city-owned airport located on the east coast of Florida. Three hangars were destroyed by Hurricane Frances on September 5, 2004. FEMA's Public Assistance Program is considering funding the City of Vero Beach's (Applicant) proposed Alternate Project. Instead of replacing the destroyed hangars, the Applicant has proposed building a new Airport Operations Facility within the Airport property (Figure 1). The new facility is not anticipated to cause an increase in air traffic or otherwise affect normal Airport operation activities.

Finding

Based on the attached Environmental Assessment and in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulation implementing NEPA (44 CFR Parts 1500 through 1508), FEMA regulations for environmental consideration pertaining to NEPA compliance (44 CFR Part 10), Executive Order (E.O.) 11988 (Floodplain Management), E.O. 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), and E.O. 12898 (Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations), FEMA has found that the proposed action will have no significant impact on the biological or human environment. As a result of this Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared and the proposed project is approved.

Standard Project Conditions apply including Best Management Practices (BMP's) for construction which includes erosion control, vehicle maintenance, site maintenance, etc. See Section H for more detailed description of Project Conditions.

Approved

12-13-06

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