

Appendix A
Project Area Photographs



Pump Station #1 site—intersection of Tecumseh Avenue and Pocahontas Drive.



Pump Station #1 site—closer view of existing outlet.



Shore of Lake Monona at Tecumseh Park.



Existing concrete outlet on shore of Lake Monona at Tecumseh Park.



Pump Station #2 site—south dead end of Nishishin Trail Northeast.



Pump Station #2 site—one of two existing intake pipes.



View of inlet adjacent to Pump Station #2 site.

Appendix B
Agency Correspondence



"Anderson, Russell A - DNR"
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02/11/2008 07:42 AM

To <Nancy_Stavish@URSCorp.com>, "Bleser, Catherine A -
DNR" <Catherine.Bleser@Wisconsin.gov>
cc
bcc

Subject RE: Eagle's Nest on Belle Isle, City of Monona, Dane
County, Lift Station Project (FEMA PDM 2005)

We concur with Joel's recommendations and having nothing further to add. Please contact me if you need further assistance. Thanks



Russ Anderson

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South Central Region Land Use Team Leader

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From: Nancy_Stavish@URSCorp.com [mailto:Nancy_Stavish@URSCorp.com]

Sent: Friday, February 08, 2008 3:55 PM

To: Bleser, Catherine A - DNR; Anderson, Russell A - DNR

Subject: Eagle's Nest on Belle Isle, City of Monona, Dane County, Lift Station Project (FEMA PDM 2005)

Hello:

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Does the DNR have recommendations for nest protection measures beyond those identified by USFWS?

Please respond as soon as possible. Thank you.

Nancy J. Stavish, AICP
Environmental Planner



"Bleser, Catherine A - DNR"
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02/12/2008 09:33 AM

To <Nancy_Stavish@URSCorp.com>, "Anderson, Russell A -
DNR" <Russell.Anderson@Wisconsin.gov>
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Subject RE: Eagle's Nest on Belle Isle, City of Monona, Dane
County, Lift Station Project (FEMA PDM 2005)

Nancy, Joel Trick's restrictions should apply as he indicated; the USFWS has sole jurisdiction over bald eagles now under the federal Bald Eagle Act; it is no longer listed as endangered or threatened under state or federal law. If you need assistance from us to check the nest activity by May 1, happy to do that for you. Thanks.

Cathy Bleser
WDNR Ecologist

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Date: May 2, 2007 **Call was** **Placed** **Received**

Project: Environmental Assessment for Belle Isle Pump Stations, Monona, WI

Project No: 15702306.00100

Conversation Between: Nancy Stavish

And Rebecca Gruber **of** USACE

Telephone No: 262-547-4171, ext. 3

NOTES:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was contacted via telephone to reinitiate agency coordination since more than one year's time period has elapsed. Ms. Gruber stated that the previous comments would still be valid and the Corps has no further comments at this time.

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"Gruber, Rebecca M MVP "
<Rebecca.M.Gruber@mvp02.
usace.army.mil>

04/13/2006 08:47 AM

To <Jessica_Overmohle@URSCorp.com>

cc

bcc

Subject RE: FEMA - Belle Isle Lift Stations project in Monona, WI

USACA File No. 2006 1801

Jessica:

I have searched high and low (as has our secretary) for the information received February 2005 from WI Emergency Management, and we can't seem to locate it.

I did have the chance to review the submission sent by you this past February (2006), and can offer some comments regarding permits at least.

Based on the information submitted in February 2006, the discharge areas in Lake Monona and the channel would require authorization from the Corps under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

Depending on State authority, this project would be eligible for Corps authorization either as a non-reporting activity (should the "outfalls" and the riprap be authorized under Chapter 30/31), or as a Provisional GP. Both of these authorizations are under GP/LOP-98-WI.

If the previous submission has more information you'd like comments on, I recommend that this be forwarded (again, I apologize) to my attention here in our Waukesha office.

Let me know if you require anything else at this time, and thank you for your query.

Becky Gruber
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1617 E. Racine Avenue
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Rebecca.M.Gruber@usace.army.mil

-----Original Message-----

From: Jessica_Overmohle@URSCorp.com [mailto:Jessica_Overmohle@URSCorp.com]

Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2006 5:02 PM

To: Gruber, Rebecca M MVP

Subject: FEMA - Belle Isle Lift Stations project in Monona, WI

Hi Becky,

Just following up on a letter I sent you date February 22, regarding the above-referenced project. I am especially interested in the type of permits that may be required for this project, and any other comments you may have at this point.

Thanks!
Jessica

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Project No: 15702306.00100

Conversation Between: Nancy Stavish

And Cami Peterson **of** WDNR – Division of Waters

Telephone No: 608-278-3208

NOTES:

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources – Division of Waters was contacted via telephone to reinitiate agency coordination since more than one year's time period has elapsed. Ms. Peterson stated that the department has no further comments at this point, and the previous response still stands. Ms. Peterson also indicated that no further review of the proposed project will take place until the permit application is received.

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"Peterson, Cami L."
<Cami.Peterson@dnr.state.wi.us>

08/01/2006 03:14 PM

To <Jessica_Laabs@URSCorp.com>

cc

bcc

Subject RE: Monona lift station project

The only portions of the project that may need permits from me are for any work you are doing in the waterway (including adding anything to the existing outfall and the portion where riprap is replaced on the shoreline). You can get the applications you need at the following website: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/fhp/waterway/>. You may want to also talk to Bob Liska in this office to see if you need any WPDES discharge permits. Bob's number is 275-3288.

-----Original Message-----

From: Jessica_Laabs@URSCorp.com [mailto:Jessica_Laabs@URSCorp.com]
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2006 11:10 AM
To: Peterson, Cami L.
Subject: Fw: Monona lift station project

Hello Ms. Peterson,

I am forwarding you some information regarding a FEMA flood mitigation project in Monona. I had previously been in contact with Scot Stewart, whom I thought was the appropriate contact. After a few months of sending info, I only found out this morning from Scot that I should be talking with you!

I can send you hard copies of information as well, but if you could take a look at this, that would be great. I will give you a call in a day or two, or please feel free to call me to discuss.

Thank you,

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Date: May 2, 2007 **Call was** **Placed** **Received**

Project: Environmental Assessment for Belle Isle Pump Stations, Monona, WI

Project No: 15702306.00100

Conversation Between: Nancy Stavish

And Leakhena Au **of** USFWS

Telephone No: 920-866-3650

NOTES:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was contacted via telephone to reinitiate agency coordination since more than one year's time period has elapsed. Ms. Au stated there are no new Threatened and Endangered species to consider and the previous determination of no effect on federally listed species or designated critical habitat still stands.

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February 17, 2006

Ms. Jessica Overmohle
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700 South Third Street, Suite 700
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55415

re: Proposed Flood Mitigation Activities
Belle Isle Lift Stations
City of Monona
Dane County, Wisconsin

Dear Ms. Overmohle:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has received your letter dated February 2, 2006, requesting updated concurrence with a determination of no effects with respect to federally-listed species. The project entails the installation of two submerged pump stations in the Belle Isle neighborhood of the City of Monona, in Sections 19 and 20, T7N, R10E, Dane County, Wisconsin. We have reviewed the attached information and our comments follow.

We note that, at the request of the Region V office of FEMA in a letter dated December 17, 2004, Ms. Susan Streich-Boldt has been designated their Wisconsin Environmental Point of Contact for the purposes of environmental reviews under the National Environmental Policy Act, and to comply with reviews mandated under Federal laws, Acts, and Executive Orders for air and water, floodplain and wetlands, and endangered species impacts of FEMA actions.

Federally Listed Species, Candidate Species, and Critical Habitat

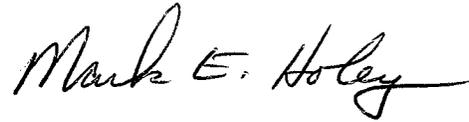
Our letter dated March 22, 2005 to Ms. Boldt concurred with her determination of no effects of the proposed project on federally listed species or designated critical habitat. The determination and concurrence were based upon the absence of federally listed species from the project area. We have no new records that federally listed species or designated critical habitat are present in the project area. Current Service guidance indicates that because they are not present, it is not necessary to make a determination of effects with respect to federally listed species; therefore, no concurrence is required.

While these comments are current as of the date of this letter, please be aware that over time, habitats at or near the project site may be utilized by listed or proposed species not present at this

time. Further, fish, wildlife or plant species occurring within the project area may become federally-listed as threatened or endangered or proposed for listing; it also is possible that critical habitat could be proposed or designated for a species. Therefore, if the project is modified, or if there is a significant lag between plan completion and construction, this office should be contacted for an updated review of the project. Our species/critical habitat list is updated every 6 months.

We appreciate the opportunity to respond. Questions pertaining to these comments can be directed to Ms. Leakhena Au at 920-866-1734.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark E. Holey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Mark E. Holey
Acting Field Supervisor



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March 22, 2005

Ms. Susan Streich-Boldt
Wisconsin Emergency Management
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P.O. Box 7865
Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7865

re: Proposed Flood Mitigation Activities
Proposed Lift Stations
City of Monona
Dane County, Wisconsin

Dear Ms. Streich-Boldt:

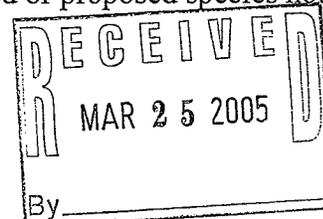
The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has received your letter dated February 24, 2005, review of the proposed project and concurrence with your determination of no adverse effects with respect to federally-listed species. The project entails the installation of two permanent, automatic electric pumping stations at two low spots in the Belle Isle Area of the City of Monona, in Sections 19 and 20, T7N, R10E, Dane County, Wisconsin. We have reviewed the attached information and our comments follow.

We note that, at the request of the Region V office of FEMA in a letter dated December 17, 2004, you have been designated their Wisconsin Environmental Point of Contact for the purposes of environmental reviews under the National Environmental Policy Act, and to comply with reviews mandated under Federal laws, Acts, and Executive Orders for air and water, floodplain and wetlands, and endangered species impacts of FEMA actions.

Federally-Listed Species, Candidate Species, and Critical Habitat

The letter includes a review of endangered resources records for the area provided by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and a determination, based on those records, that the project would not affect federally-listed species or designated critical habitat.

Based upon a review of the information provided in the letter, and the information in our records, we concur with your determination that the project, as proposed, would not affect federally-listed species. While our concurrence is current as of the date of this letter, please be aware that over time, habitats at or near the project site may be utilized by listed or proposed species not present



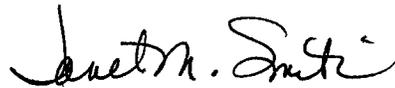
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Wetland Mitigation

In refining and selecting project alternatives, efforts should be made to select an alternative that does not adversely impact wetlands. If no other alternative is feasible and it is clearly demonstrated that project construction resulting in wetland disturbance or loss cannot be avoided, a wetland mitigation plan should be developed that identifies measures proposed to minimize adverse impacts and replace lost wetland habitat values and other wetland functions and values.

We appreciate the opportunity to respond. Questions pertaining to these comments can be directed to Ms. Leakhena Au at 920-866-1734.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janet M. Smith".

Janet M. Smith
Field Supervisor

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Headquarters Building
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May 17, 2006

Ms. Jessica Overmohle
URS
700 Third Street South, Suite 600
Minneapolis, MN 55415

SHSW#: 05-0194/DA
RE: Construct two lift stations: Belle Isle Area

Dear Ms. Overmohle:

We have reviewed your submittal of April 24, 2006 regarding the above referenced project. Based on the information provided we believe that the proposed undertaking will result in no historic properties affected pursuant to 36 CFR 800.4(d)(1).

It is always possible that an accidental discovery of archaeological material may occur during construction. If archeological material is discovered, please stop all construction in that area and call me at (608) 264-6507. Should human bone be discovered, you must contact the Burial Sites Preservation Office at 1-800-342-7834 for compliance with Wis. Stat. §157.70 which provides for the protection of human burial sites.

Please call me at the above referenced telephone number if you have any questions concerning these matters.

Sincerely,

Sherman Banker
Office of Preservation Planning



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Date: 3/8/2006 **Call was** **Placed** **Received**

Project: Belle Isle Lift Stations – Monona, WI

Project No: _____

Conversation Between: Jessica Overmohle

And Sherman Banker **of** Wisconsin Historical Society

Telephone No: _____

NOTES:

Mr. Banker called to follow up on a letter I sent him dated February 21, 2006. He stated that moving the spoil storage site to the paved area at the City Garage site is acceptable. He said he would not issue another letter on this decision, but would wait until he received the land use history report on the Belle Isle area.

He confirmed that potential SHPO concerns at the Belle Isle site are limited to archaeology and burials – no architectural concerns. He also indicated that a “big” report is not needed – we just need to document the land use with records.

I told him that our staff had current plans to be in Monona to conduct the research sometime the week of March 13th. Following that, we would prepared the report, put it through appropriate reviews, and then send it to him for a final determination.

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January 25, 2006

Ms. Jessica Overmohle
URS Corporation
700 Third Street South, Suite 600
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SHSW#: 05-0194/DA
RE: Construct Two Lift Stations, Belle Isle Area

Dear Ms. Overmohle:

This letter serves as a follow up to our telephone conversation today and your correspondence of January 13, 2006 regarding the above referenced project. Before we can determine that the proposed undertaking will have no effect on any historic properties, we need to know if the land on which the two lift station will be built is man made land. Please forward a land use history of the area so we can determine if any further actions are necessary to identify historic properties in the area of the two lift stations. We believe that it will be necessary to complete an archeological survey of the land proposed as the spoil disposal area as there are numerous archeological sites and mounds in the vicinity.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call me at (608) 264-6507.

Sincerely,

Sherman Banker
Office of Preservation Planning

Appendix C
EO 11988 and EO 11990 Eight-Step Planning Process

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<p>Step 1: Determine whether the Proposed Action is located in a wetland and/or the 100-year floodplain, or whether it has the potential to affect or be affected by a floodplain or wetland.</p>	<p>Project Analysis: The City of Monona is a participant in good standing with the NFIP. According to FEMA mapping, the proposed project is located in the 100-year floodplain associated with canals Lagoon du Nord and Lagoon du Sud.</p> <p>According to Wisconsin Wetlands Inventory maps and a site visit conducted by URS on October 7, 2005, there are no wetlands in the project area.</p>
<p>Step 2: Notify public at earliest possible time of the intent to carry out an action in a floodplain or wetland, and involve the affected and interested public in the decision-making process.</p>	<p>Project Analysis: Status of the project has been discussed at numerous Monona City Council meetings to date. The project was also developed by an ad hoc flood mitigation advisory committee, whose findings are reported to the City Council. All City Council meetings are open to the public and are also locally televised. Minutes from all meetings are also available on the City of Monona Web site. The Belle Isle Neighborhood Associations also meets regularly and discusses this project.</p> <p>A notice will also be published by the Applicant in a newspaper of general circulation when the EA is made available for public review.</p>
<p>Step 3: Identify and evaluate practicable alternatives to locating the Proposed Action in a floodplain or wetland.</p>	<p>Project Analysis: The Proposed Action includes no wetland impact. The Proposed Action is located within the 100-year floodplain, however total excavation would exceed total fill on the project site, and the Proposed Action would not increase the 100-year flood elevation of Lake Monona and its associated canals. Other than the No Action Alternative, there are no practicable alternatives for improving the storm sewer system that would not involve impacts to the 100-year floodplain.</p> <p>The following alternatives were evaluated in the EA:</p> <p><i>Alternative 1:</i> No Action</p> <p><i>Alternative 2:</i> Installation of Two Pump Stations (Proposed Action)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation of Pump Station #1 4 feet below ground surface, with a 24-inch grated opening. • Installation of 44 linear feet of 12-inch pipe for Pump Station #1. • Installation of Pump Station #2 10 feet below ground surface, with a 4-inch discharge pipe.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Placement of 20 inches of new riprap, topped with half of a 4-foot by 6-foot concrete box culvert. • Installation of a concrete wall and slab at a 5:1 slope for Pump Station #2. • Reconstruction of portions of Pocahontas Drive and Nishishin Trail Northeast. <p><i>Alternative 3</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elevation of up to 105 residential structures to 850 feet (above 100-year flood elevation). • Continued wet floodproofing, or abandonment of existing basements. <p><i>Alternatives Considered but Eliminated</i></p> <p>Construction of an earthen levee surrounding the channels in Belle Isle was also considered as an alternative to this project. However, this alternative was dismissed because it would require significant fill in the floodplain and cause standing water, which would require further drainage improvements. This alternative would also require acquisition of private property, and would limit access to the canals, which are distinguishing and attractive features of this neighborhood.</p> <p>The City of Monona also considered removing the homes within the area frequently affected by flooding. However, this alternative was dismissed because it is not acceptable to the community and the citizens who live there. Additionally, acquisition of the 105 homes that comprise the Belle Isle neighborhood would likely not result in a positive cost-benefit ratio, according to Wisconsin Emergency Management.</p> <p>Releasing water from the lake was also discussed as an alternative; however, this alternative is outside of the City’s control. Dane County controls the dams at the outlets of Lakes Mendota, Waubesa, and Kegonsa. Implementation of this alternative would be a complex process that would involve several municipalities and jurisdictions in the entire Yahara Chain of Lakes and many landowners. Conversations between the City and the WDNR during the development of this project indicated that any actions of this nature would be unlikely.</p>
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<p>Step 4: Identify the full range of potential direct or indirect impacts associated with the occupancy or modification of floodplains and wetlands, and the potential direct and indirect support of floodplain and wetland development that could result from the Proposed Action.</p>	<p>Project Analysis: The project will result in no permanent and/or significant impacts to the floodplain. Project excavation would exceed fill, and any disturbed vegetation would be replaced.</p>
<p>Step 5: Minimize the potential adverse impacts from work within floodplains and wetlands (identified under Step 4), restore and preserve the natural and beneficial values served by wetlands.</p>	<p>Project Analysis: There are no impacts to wetlands, so no replacement or mitigation is required.</p> <p>The project is located within the 100-year floodplain; however, there are no anticipated impacts to the 100-year floodplain or the 100-year flood elevation of Lake Monona and its associated canals. Projects adjoining this stormwater system will be reviewed as necessary to ensure that cumulative impacts to the floodplain are addressed.</p> <p>The Applicant must follow all applicable local, State, and Federal laws, regulations, and requirements and obtain and comply with all required permits and approvals, prior to initiating work on this project. No staging of equipment or project activities shall begin until all permits are obtained. The Applicant must apply BMPs for soil erosion prevention and containment during staging of equipment and project activities. Should project activities be delayed for 1 year or more after the date of this EA, coordination and project review by the appropriate regulating agencies must be reinitiated.</p>
<p>Step 6: Re-evaluate the Proposed Action to determine: 1) if it is still practicable in light of its exposure to flood hazards; 2) the extent to which it will aggravate the hazards to others; 3) its potential to disrupt floodplain and wetland values.</p>	<p>Project Analysis: The Proposed Action remains practicable based on the storm sewer improvement objectives.</p>

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<p>Step 7: If the agency decides to take an action in a floodplain or wetland, prepare and provide the public with a finding and explanation of any final decision that the floodplain or wetland is the only practicable alternative. The explanation should include any relevant factors considered in the decision-making process.</p>	<p>Project Analysis: A public notice will be submitted informing of FEMA’s decision to proceed with the project. This notice will include rationale for floodplain or wetland impacts; a description of all significant facts considered in making the determination; a list of the alternatives considered; a statement indicating whether the action conforms to State and local floodplain or wetland protection standards; a statement indicating how the action affects the floodplain or wetlands; and a statement of how mitigation will be achieved.</p>
<p>Step 8: Review the implementation and post-implementation phases of the Proposed Action to ensure that the requirements of the EOs are fully implemented. Oversight responsibility shall be integrated into existing processes.</p>	<p>Project Analysis: This step is integrated into the NEPA process and FEMA project management and oversight functions.</p>

Appendix D
Public Notice

Federal Emergency Management Agency

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment

For Belle Isle Pump Stations

Monona, Dane County, Wisconsin

Environmental Assessment for Belle Isle Pump Stations, Monona, Dane County, Wisconsin
PDMC- PJ-05-WI-2005-015.

Interested persons are hereby notified that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)/Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is proposing to assist in the funding of storm sewer system improvements to mitigate and prepare for damage caused by flooding and persistent high lake levels in the City of Monona. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and the implementing regulations of FEMA, an Environmental Assessment (EA) is being prepared to assess the potential impacts of each of the proposed actions on the human and natural environment. This also provides public notice to invite public comments on the proposed project in accordance with Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, and Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands. In addition, this notice and the draft EA provide information to the public on potential impacts to historic and cultural resources from the proposed undertaking, as outlined in the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966.

The draft EA is available for review between [date] and [date] at Monona Public Library, 1000 Nichols Road, and Monona City Hall, 5211 Schluter Road, during normal hours of operation. The draft EA is also available for review online at the FEMA Web site <http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/ea-region5.shtm>.

Written comments regarding this environmental action should be received no later than 5 p.m. on [date], by Amanda Ratliff, Regional Environmental Officer, 536 South Clark, 6th Floor, Chicago, IL 60605-1521, or at Amanda.Ratliff@dhs.gov.

If no substantive comments are received by the above deadline, the draft EA and associated Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will become final and be published by FEMA. Substantive comments will be addressed as appropriate in the final documents.

The public may request a copy of the final environmental documents from Amanda Ratliff at the address listed above.