

**FEMA PUBLIC NOTICE OF ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS
PLAQUEMINES PARISH SHERRIF'S DEPARTMENT
TEMPORARY DETENTION FACILITY
BRAITHEWAITE, LA**

The Department of Homeland Security and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) have established Alternative Arrangements (AA) to meet the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and CEQ regulations for implementing the procedural requirements of NEPA, for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grants to reconstruct critical infrastructure in the New Orleans Metropolitan Area (Federal Register, Vol. 71, No. 56, p. 14712, March 23, 2006).

Interested parties are hereby notified that FEMA has determined that the alternate project for the Temporary Plaquemines Parish Sherriff's Department Detention Facility qualifies for expedited NEPA review under the AA guidelines. Plaquemines Parish (applicant) has prepared and submitted an application to FEMA for funding under FEMA's Temporary Facilities Program being administered in response to FEMA-1603-DR-LA. The Presidential Disaster Declaration, for this event was signed on August 29, 2005.

On August 29, 2005, The Plaquemines Parish Sheriff's Office Detention Facility, located at 110 Prison Road, in Braithwaite, Louisiana, in Plaquemines Parish, was severely damaged by storm surge, rain, and high winds stemming from Hurricane Katrina. Following the disaster, the applicant applied for and was subsequently awarded funds to pay for the demolition and reconstruction of the detention facility. The duration of the construction period for the replacement facility is expected to be between 48 and 60 months. In order to facilitate operation of the Plaquemines Parish criminal justice system in the interim, and to mitigate costs associated with housing detainees in Jefferson Parish, the applicant proposes to construct a temporary detention facility, located in the vicinity of latitude 29.5986, and longitude -89.8247, which lies immediately southwest from the existing facility, on a parcel owned by the applicant, bounded to the northeast by LA Hwy. 39, to the southeast by forested property owned by Henry E. Duplessis, to the southwest by River Road, and to the northwest by forested property owned by P.F. Williams. The proposed concrete structure would cover an area of approximately 94,100 square feet. Although this would be a temporary facility, it would be constructed in accordance with applicable codes and standards regarding construction of penal detention facilities.

The public comment period will be from March 21, 2009 to April 5, 2009. Written comments on the proposal may be mailed to:

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
Federal Emergency Management Agency
Environmental/Historic Preservation, Attn: Nick Knowles
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or emailed to nicholas.knowles@dhs.gov, or faxed to FEMA's Transitional Recovery Office in New Orleans at (504) 762-2871; and verbal comments will be accepted at (504) 762-2291 between 7:30 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.