

**FEMA'S PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FOR  
FORT JACKSON FOOTBALL STADIUM, CHANGE OF LOCATION PROJECT,  
PLAQUEMINES PARISH, LOUISIANA  
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND  
DRAFT FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

Interested parties are hereby notified that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for a proposed change of location of the Hurricane Katrina damaged Fort Jackson Football Stadium located in Buras in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana. The Parish requested approval and federal grant funds for a change of location improved project to replace the former eligible football field facilities with facilities providing similar functions at the Plaquemines Parish Consolidated Government Complex located at F. Edward Hebert Blvd, Belle Chasse LA (29.8975, - 89.9738). The proposed action includes construction of a new stadium and appurtenant facilities such as parking, roads, sidewalks, and supporting utilities. The new football field would provide important sport facility needs to the Plaquemines Parish community. Construction activities would include, where necessary, site clearing, grading, driveway construction, and placement of appurtenant utilities (electricity, water, and sewer) for the site.

Plaquemines Parish seeks federal grant funds for this action eligible under a Presidential Disaster Declaration, signed on August 29, 2005 (FEMA-1603-DR-LA). Per the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4371 *et seq.*), and associated environmental statutes, a DEA has been prepared to evaluate the action's potential impacts on the human and natural environment. This DEA summarizes the purpose and need, site selection process, alternatives to the proposed action, affected environment, and potential environmental consequences associated with the proposed action.

The DEA and draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will be available for public review at the Belle Chasse Library at 8442 Hwy 23, Belle Chasse, LA 70037 (hours are 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Mon.-Fri. and 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM Sat.) and the Buras Library at 35572 Hwy 11 Buras, LA 70041 (hours are 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Mon.-Fri.) during the public comment period from November 9, 2013, through November 23, 2013. Additionally, a public notice regarding the proposed action will be published in The Times-Picayune newspaper for the five (5) publishing days: October 30, 2013, November 1, 2013, November 3, 2013, November 6, 2013, and November 8, 2013. The comment period will be fifteen (15) days, beginning on November 9, 2013, and concluding on November 23, 2013. Written comments on the DEA/Draft FONSI or related matters can be faxed to FEMA's Louisiana Recovery Office at (504) 762-3232; or mailed to FEMA Louisiana Recovery Office, EHP – Fort Jackson Football Field EA, 1 Seine Court, New Orleans, Louisiana 70114. The DEA can be viewed and downloaded from FEMA's website: <http://www.fema.gov/environmental-planning-and-historic-preservation-program/environmental-documents-public-notice-2>.

Based on FEMA's findings to date, no significant adverse environmental effects are anticipated. However, if FEMA receives new information that results in a change from no adverse effects then FEMA would revise the findings and issue a second public notice allowing time for additional comments. However, if there are no changes, this DEA will become the Final EA.

If no substantive comments are received, the DEA and associated FONSI will become final and this initial Public Notice will also serve as the final Public Notice. Substantive comments will be addressed as appropriate in the final documents.