

**Federal Emergency Management Agency  
PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Notice of Availability of the Draft Tiered Site-Specific Environmental Assessment (Draft SEA)  
and Early Notice of a Proposed Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain  
Proposed Marine Unit Command and Control Facility Project  
Houston, Texas  
Port Security Grant Program  
Project # 2013-PU-00272-IJ-1 (18232)**

Interested persons are hereby notified that the Harris County Sheriff's Office has applied to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) through the Port Security Grant Program for funding to assist with the construction of a Marine Unit Command and Control Facility to be built at the Washburn Tunnel near the Houston Ship Channel located at 3100 Federal Road Houston, Texas 77015 (Latitude: 29.7287, Longitude: -95.2117). The project will involve either one (1) two-story or two (2) one-story buildings, providing for offices, restrooms, boat storage and maintenance. The approximately 3,400 square foot office will provide office space for personnel assigned to patrol the Houston Ship Channel, a conference room for strategy meetings, a squad room where deputies will be able to complete reports, secured storage, lockers, showers, and kitchen. The approximately 5,000 square foot garage will provide for the storage of boats and equipment, and an area to allow for maintenance of the equipment. Associated site improvements will disturb an additional approximate 2,000 square feet, including parking and underground utilities, including sanitary sewer, potable water and electric. The additional building will provide the Harris County Sheriff's Office with a facility to coordinate water and landside patrols with partner agencies and a location to safely and securely store equipment purchased with Port Security Grant Funds.

A Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) for Grant Programs Directorate Programs was prepared and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was issued in July 2010 (<http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/18407?id=4143>), in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the Council for Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations implementing regulations of NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500 – 1508), the National Historic Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of FEMA (44 CFR Parts 9 and 10). FEMA's environmental planning and historic preservation review concluded that all environmental areas of concern are appropriately accounted for in the PEA with the exception of floodplain impacts. A Draft Tiered Site-Specific Environmental Assessment (SEA) has been prepared in accordance with the July 2010 PEA to focus on Executive Order 11988 requirements and floodplain impacts of the proposed project.

The Draft SEA summarizes the purpose and need, alternatives, affected environment, and potential environmental consequences for the proposed action. The Draft SEA is available for comment and can be viewed and downloaded from FEMA's website at <http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents>. A copy of the document can also be viewed Monday through Friday, between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, at the Harris County Administration Building, HCPID Architectural and Engineering Division – 7th Floor located at, 1001 Preston Ave, Houston Texas 77002.

This notice also serves as the Early Public Notice for a Proposed Activity in the 100-Year Floodplain. This notice is provided pursuant to 44 CFR Part 9.12, (Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands), and FEMA's implementing regulation for Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, concerning FEMA's funding assistance for activities within and/or affect a floodplain. According to the

FIRM (Community Panel Number 48201C0905L the Effective Date June 18, 2007), the proposed project site is location within Flood Zone AE; defined as Base Flood Elevations Determined.

The comment period will end 15 days from the initial notice publication date of November 14, 2014. Written comments on the Draft SEA or the proposed work in the floodplain can be mailed, emailed, or faxed to the contact below. If no substantive comments are received, the Draft SEA will become final and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will be issued for the project. Substantive comments will be addressed as appropriate in the final documents.

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