

**Federal Emergency Management Agency
PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice of Availability of the Draft Tiered Site-Specific Environmental Assessment (SEA) for the Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office Safe Room Project and the Draft Tiered SEA for the Livingston Parish Walker Safe Room Project, Walker, Louisiana
HMGP-DR-1786-LA, Project #174 and #175

Interested persons are hereby notified that Livingston Parish has applied to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), through the Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP), for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding under Section 404 the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. FEMA's HMGP provides grants to states and local governments to implement long-term hazard mitigation measures that reduce the loss of life and property due to natural disasters and to enable mitigation measures to be implemented during the immediate recovery from a disaster.

FEMA proposes to provide funding to the Parish for the construction of two community safe rooms under two HMGP grants. Under project #174, the Parish proposes to construct a new dual-use safe room at 29225 Woodside Drive, Walker, LA (Latitude: 30.487683, Longitude: -90.829250). The proposed dual-use safe room will be approximately 15,000 square feet and will provide near-absolute life safety protection for estimated 635 critical/essential services personnel. When not in use as a safe room, the facility would serve as the Sheriff's Office's first responder training center. The project also includes installing a generator, utilities and parking at the safe room site.

Under project #175, the Parish proposes to construct a new dual use safe-room at N. Corbin Road, N. of Florida Boulevard, Walker, LA (Latitude: 30.497883; Longitude: -90.850150). The proposed dual-use safe room will be approximately 15,000 square feet and will provide near-absolute life safety protection for an estimated 635 critical/essential services personnel. When not in use as a safe room, the facility would serve as a recreation/community center for the City of Walker. The project also includes installing a generator, utilities and parking at the safe room site.

A Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) for Hazard Mitigation Safe Room Construction was prepared and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was issued in June 2, 2011, 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). For both proposed safe rooms, FEMA's environmental planning and historic preservation review reveals that all environmental areas of concern are appropriately accounted for in the PEA with the exception of floodplain impacts. A Tiered Site-Specific Environmental Assessment (SEA) has been prepared for each safe room project in accordance with the June 2011 PEA to focus on Executive Order (EO) 11988 requirements and floodplain impacts of the proposed projects. The SEAs evaluate the No Action; Alternative Action (construction of a single-use safe room); and Proposed Action (construction of a dual-use safe room) alternatives. Both proposed safe rooms are located within the 100-year floodplain, Zone AE, as depicted on FEMA's Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) 22063C0230E, dated 04/03/2012.

The Draft SEAs are available for comment and can be viewed at the Livingston Parish Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness (LOHSEP), 20355 Government Blvd. Livingston, LA 70754 (Suite D), from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., Friday between April 3 and April 18, 2016. Electronic versions of the Draft SEAs can be requested from Dorothy Cook, FEMA Region 6, at dorothy.cook@fema.dhs.gov or viewed at FEMA's website at www.fema.gov/resource-document-library.

The comment period will end 15 days from the initial notice publication date. Written comments on the Draft SEAs can be mailed, emailed, or faxed to Dorothy Cook, Environmental Specialist, FEMA Region 6, 800 N Loop 288, Denton, TX 76209, Fax: 940-297-0152; dorothy.cook@fema.dhs.gov. If no substantive comments are received, the Draft SEAs will become final and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)

will be issued for the projects. Substantive comments will be addressed as appropriate in the final documents.