

**Federal Emergency Management Agency
PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice of Availability of the Draft Site Specific Environmental Assessment for the Terrebonne Parish Dual-Use Hurricane Safe Room Project, Houma, Louisiana
HMGP-DR-1786-LA, Project #170

Interested persons are hereby notified that Terrebonne Parish has applied to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), through the Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding under Section 404 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. Under HMGP, FEMA 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 a dual-use safe room at 2104 Morris Street, Houma, Louisiana 70363 (Latitude: 29.59290; Longitude: -90.69856). The proposed safe room will have a gross area of approximately 1,714 square feet and a usable space of approximately 1,128 square feet. It will provide near-absolute life safety protection for an estimated 56 critical/essential services personnel during a hurricane. When not in use as a safe room, the facility would serve as the City of Houma's Fire Training Center. The project also includes installing a generator and utilities at the safe room site. A parking lot, funded by another source, will also be installed 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 on 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 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 Assessments (SEA) has been prepared in accordance with the June 2011 PEA and FEMA's Instruction 108-1-1 for implementing NEPA, to focus on Executive Order (EO) 11988 requirements and floodplain impacts of the proposed safe room project. The SEA evaluates the (1) No Action and (2) the proposed action described above.

The Draft SEA is available for comment and can be viewed at the Recovery Assistance and Mitigation Planning Division of the Department of Planning and Zoning, 2nd floor, 8026 Main Street, Houma, LA, Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. between September 23 and October 9, 2016. An electronic version of the draft SEA can be requested from Dorothy Cook, FEMA Region 6, at dorothy.cook@fema.dhs.gov or viewed on FEMA's website at www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/123980.

The comment period will end 15 days from the initial notice publication date. Written comments on the draft SEA 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 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.