



FEMA

**OFFICIAL WITHDRAWAL AND RETRACTION for the
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT and the
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
SATSUMA TEMPORARY GROUP HOUSING SITE
LIVINGSTON PARISH, LOUISIANA
FEMA-4277-DR-LA
OCTOBER 28, 2016**

Interested parties and the general public are hereby notified that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has immediately withdrawn the Environmental Assessment (EA) which was prepared for the Satsuma Temporary Group Housing Site and is officially retracting the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) determination which was signed on September 28, 2016.

FEMA used an expedited process to assess the potential environmental impacts of building emergency temporary housing for displaced disaster victims. In accordance with FEMA's Instruction 108-1-1, an Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared pursuant to Section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as implemented by the regulations promulgated by the President's Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ; 40 CFR Parts 1500-1508).

The Satsuma Group Site, is located at 16569 Black Mud Road, Livingston Parish, Louisiana. The proposed site is rectangular in shape, and approximately 100 acres in size. The site had previously been used for agricultural purposes, but has been fallow for the past several years.

A public notice was posted in the local newspaper of record, The Livingston Parish News on September 25, 2016. The Draft EA was posted on FEMA's website from September 21, 2016 through October 18, 2016. The draft EA was made available for public comment at the Livingston Parish Office of Homeland Security and Security Preparedness, 20355 Government Blvd, Suite D, 2nd floor, Livingston, LA 70754. No comments were received from the public during the comment period.

On October 13, 2016, following the signing of the FONSI, it was discovered that the property was subject to a cease and desist order which had been issued on March 28, 2016 by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) citing violation of the Clean Water Act.

FEMA has completed a re-evaluation to determine the significance of this new development and the validity of the initial EA and associated FONSI dated September 28, 2016. FEMA has determined that the environmental impacts associated with this new information was not addressed in the original document. Based on this new information the EA and associated

FONSI are no longer valid and are hereby immediately withdrawn and are no longer valid for use or reference in any context. The proposed project as described in the EA and the FONSI will not be undertaken. This announcement will serve as FEMA's final notice regarding this project.



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