

Appendix D
Public Notice

**FEMA NOTICE OF INTENT TO PREPARE A
SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED
BAY POINT WASTEWATER PROJECT**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received a grant application from the Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority (FKAA) to fund construction of a wastewater treatment system for the Bay Point service area encompassing Saddlebunch and Bay Point Keys, Florida. The proposed project would be funded through FEMA 1249-DR Post Disaster - Unmet Needs funds, as noticed on August 6, 1999, in Vol. 64 No. 151 of the *Federal Register*. Matching funds will be provided through the Florida Division of Emergency Management and the FKAA. The purpose of the project is to improve this service area's wastewater treatment to meet State requirements (Chapter 99-395 Laws of Florida) by 2010, per the *Monroe County Year 2010 Comprehensive Plan*.

FEMA has completed a Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) for Wastewater Management Improvements in the Keys, for various wastewater projects including Bay Point. A Programmatic Finding of No Significant Impact has been issued for the PEA. These documents can be obtained by writing to the point of contact below or may be viewed and downloaded at the following website: <http://www.fema.gov/ep/assess.shtm>.

FEMA hereby publishes its notice of intent to prepare a Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) of the proposed action serving Bay Point, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (PL 91-190) and associated environmental statutes, as implemented by FEMA's regulations 44 CFR Part 10; and in accordance with Presidential Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management); as implemented in 44 CFR Part 9. This SEA will address the purpose and need of the proposed project, project alternatives considered, the affected environment, project and site-specific environmental consequences, and impact mitigation measures. Once completed, the Draft SEA will be available for public review and comment; and a public meeting will be scheduled.

Project Alternatives:

Alternatives to be considered in the SEA include:

- 1) No Action Alternative: The Bay Point service area continues to use its existing wastewater treatment systems and obtains funding from other sources to meet the State 2010 requirements and the *Comprehensive Plan* deadline;
- 2) Action Alternative 1: Per the Monroe County Sanitary Wastewater Master Plan, install a new wastewater collection system throughout the Bay Point service area and build a vacuum pump station to convey wastewater to a treatment plant sited on Bay Point Key oceanside;
- 3) Action Alternative 2: Install a new wastewater collection system throughout the Bay Point service area and build a vacuum pump station on Bay Point Key to convey wastewater to the existing Key West Resort Utilities wastewater treatment plant located on Stock Island, subject to FKAA/Monroe County acquiring ownership or beneficial use of the existing treatment plant from its current private owner.

Comment Period:

Comments will be accepted from the affected public; local, state and federal agencies; and other interested parties in order to consider and appropriately scope and evaluate the likely effects of the proposed Bay Point project alternatives on the physical, biological, and social/built environment. Comments should be in writing, sent to the FEMA point of contact listed below, and postmarked no later than May 12, 2003.

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