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PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
CITY OF ELKADER LIFT STATION AND PIPING ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
ELKADER, CLAYTON COUNTY, IOWA
FEMA-1763-DR-IA

Interested parties are hereby notified that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for construction of the City of Elkader Lift Station and Piping. FEMA was authorized under a Presidential disaster declaration (FEMA-1763-DR-IA) to provide Federal disaster assistance to Elkader, Clayton County, Iowa, as a result of damages incurred during incident period beginning on May 25, 2008 and ending August 13, 2008. Section 408 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 USC 5121-5206, as amended (Stafford Act, Public Law 93-288. The Proposed Action would require the building a new Lift Station and Piping within the city limits of Elkader, Iowa. Construction activities would consist of the new lift station located at 101 and 103 Bronson Street, installation of 90 feet of 15 inch ductile iron gravity flow pipeline connecting it to the existing sanitary sewer, and installation of 40 feet of 8 inch ductile iron force main pipeline to connect the new lift station with the pipeline installed under the Turkey River under an emergency action. The new lift station and piping would be built to all the current codes and standards. Approximately .75 acres of land was purchased for the construction of the lift station and piping.

Per the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4371 *et seq.*), and associated environmental statutes, a DEA was written to evaluate the proposed action's potential impacts on the human and natural environment. The DEA summarizes the purpose and need, site selection process, affected environment, and potential environmental consequences associated with the proposed action. The public comment period will be from February 4th to March 6th, 2009. Written comments on the DEA can be faxed to FEMA's Regional Office in Kansas City, Missouri at (816) 283-7018 The DEA can be viewed and downloaded from FEMA's website at <http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/index.shtm> If no substantive comments are received, the Draft EA will become final and this initial Public Notice will also serve as the final Public Notice. Then this DEA will be moved to the archives page at http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/archives_index.shtm