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PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY  
INDIANA TOWNSHIP FIRE STATION RELOCATION AND RECONSTRUCTION  
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT  
INDIANA TOWNSHIP, MARION 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 the relocation and reconstruction of the Indiana Township Fire Station. The original fire station was destroyed by a tornado in May 2008. FEMA was authorized under a Presidential disaster declaration (FEMA-1763-DR-IA) to provide Federal disaster assistance to Indiana Township and Marion County Iowa as a result of damages incurred during the 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 involve building a new 2,500 square foot fire station within the Attica community of Indiana Township. The new fire station would be located on a plated parcel comprising 1.3 acres of land identified at 1980 County Highway G76. The new facility would be built to current codes and standards as adopted by the County of Marion, Iowa, in addition to the safety guidelines of the Iowa Department of Safety's State Fire Marshall Office.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4371 *et seq.*), and associated environmental statutes, a DEA has been prepared 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 27 to March 27, 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. The DEA will then be moved to the archives page at [http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/archives\\_index.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/archives_index.shtm)