

**FEMA PUBLIC NOTICE OF ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS
CAMP VILLERE RIFLE RANGE/SUPPLY & ADMINISTRATION
BUILDINGS, ALTERNATE PROJECT
SLIDELL, LOUISIANA, ST. TAMMANY PARISH**

The Department of Homeland Security and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) have established Alternative Arrangements (AA) to meet the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and CEQ regulations for implementing the procedural requirements of NEPA, for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grants to reconstruct critical infrastructure in the New Orleans Metropolitan Area (Federal Register, Vol. 71, No. 56, p. 14712, March 23, 2006).

Interested parties are hereby notified that FEMA has determined that the alternate project for the Camp Villere Rifle Range/Supply and Administration Buildings qualifies for expedited NEPA review under the AA guidelines. The State of Louisiana, Facilities Planning and Control (applicant), has prepared and submitted an application to FEMA for funding under FEMA's Public Assistance Program being administered in response to FEMA-1603-DR-LA. The Presidential Disaster Declaration, for this event was signed on August 29, 2005.

On August 29, 2005, the timber baffles along the north side of the Camp Villere rifle range, located in the vicinity of latitude 30.3155, and longitude 89.8167 were severely damaged by storm-force winds and flying debris stemming from Hurricane Katrina. Rather than replace the pre-existing facility, the applicant has determined that the public interest would be better served by an alternate project, which includes demolition of the range baffles, and placing earthen fill to construct three construction pads, and construction of three supply and administration buildings, each measuring forty feet by eighty feet, with appurtenant structures, on and south of National Guard Road, in the vicinity of latitude 30.3124 and longitude -89.8121.

The public comment period will be from **FIRST DAY OF NOTICE** to **15 DAYS FOLLOWING FIRST DAY OF NOTICE**. Written comments on the proposal may be mailed to:

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
Federal Emergency Management Agency
Environmental/Historic Preservation, Attn: Nick Knowles
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or emailed to nicholas.knowles@dhs.gov, or faxed to FEMA's Transitional Recovery Office in New Orleans at (504) 762-2871; and verbal comments will be accepted at (504) 762-2291 between 7:30 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.