

**APPENDIX D**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**

## **FEMA PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY**

### **Draft Environmental Assessment for The Construction of a Rip-rap Revetment at Port Fourchon, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana**

Interested parties are hereby notified that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the proposed construction of a 5,500 linear foot rip-rap (rock) revetment along the north shoreline of the Port Fourchon Flotation Canal located in Port Fourchon, Louisiana. The Greater Lafourche Port Commission has prepared and submitted an application to FEMA for funding under FEMA's Public Assistance Program being administered in response to Hurricane Katrina. The Presidential Disaster Declaration FEMA-1603-DR-LA was signed on August 29, 2005 for this event.

The Greater Lafourche Port Commission has proposed to construct a 5,500 linear foot by 10 foot wide rip-rap revetment along the north bank of the Port's Flotation Canal. The rip-rap revetment is intended to protect the Port's facilities from storm induced sedimentation. The proposed project foot print is approximately three acres. Per the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4371 *et seq.*), and associated environmental statutes, a Draft EA was written to evaluate the proposed action's potential impacts on the human and natural environment. The Draft EA summarizes the purpose and need, site selection process, affected environment, and potential environmental consequences associated with the proposed action. The Draft FONSI is FEMA's finding that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the human and natural environment.

The public comment period will be for 15 days, from Sunday, September 6, 2009 to Sunday, September 20, 2009. Written comments on the proposal may be mailed to:

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY  
Federal Emergency Management Agency  
Environmental/Historic Preservation  
Port Fouchon-Rip-rap Project  
1250 Poydras Street Box 43  
New Orleans, LA 70112

Or emailed to: FEMA-NOMA@dhs.gov or faxed to FEMA's Transitional Recovery Office in New Orleans at 504-762-2871-; and verbal comments will be accepted at 504-762-2361 between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

The Draft EA can be viewed and downloaded from FEMA's website at [www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/ea-region6.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/ea-region6.shtm). If no substantive comments are received, the Draft EA and associated Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will become final and this initial Public Notice will also serve as the final Public Notice for work in the floodplain in accordance with 44 CFR Part 9.12.