

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA)

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
PROPOSED 450-FOOT GUYED COMMUNICATIONS TOWER
CASS COUNTY, MISSOURI**

Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) has applied through the Missouri State Emergency Management Agency for funding under FEMA's Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) to construct a 450-foot guyed communications tower and associated facilities at a rural undeveloped location in Township 45 North, Range 31 West, Section 20 in Cass County, Missouri. A rock quarry is to the north and east, agriculture to the west, and 231st street to the south. The objective of the HSGP is to build and sustain national preparedness capabilities. The proposed tower would improve public safety and interoperable communications among first responders during an emergency event.

The attached Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared by the applicant in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, the President's Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulations Parts 1500-1508) to implement NEPA, and Department of Homeland Security Management Directive 023-01 "Environmental Planning Program" implementing NEPA.

The applicant initiated a public involvement process through a Public Notice and consultation with other Federal and state agencies and interested Tribes.

The proposed project as described in the EA was evaluated for any potential significant adverse impacts to soils, water resources including wetlands and floodplains, air quality, threatened and endangered species, migratory birds, noise, land use, cultural resources, and environmental justice. The project was coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Missouri Department of Natural Resources State Historic Preservation Office, and the Missouri Department of Conservation.

The applicant is responsible for obtaining and complying with all required local, State and Federal permits and approvals, including any required by the FCC and the Federal Aviation Administration.

FINDING

Based upon the EA and in accordance with Presidential Executive Orders 12898 (Environmental Justice), 11988 (Floodplain Management), and 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), FEMA has determined that the proposed action would not have any significant adverse impacts on the human environment. As a result of this FONSI, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared and the proposed project may proceed.

Approved



1/5/2010

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Date