

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
UNIVERSITY CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

Interested parties are hereby notified that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has adopted a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for construction of a fire station in the city of University City, St. Louis County. FEMA will fund the proposed project under the department of Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighters Fire Station Construction Grant Program. The Proposed Action would build a new Fire Station at 6601 Vernon Avenue within the city limits of University City, Missouri. This new facility would consist of approximately 16,700 square feet of new construction. The new facility will be built to all the current codes and standards. Utility services such as power, sewer, water, and telephone exist at the site. This location would allow the new facility to better respond locally and as a mutual aid partner to neighboring communities.

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 March 10, 2010, to April 10, 2010. Written comments on the DEA can be faxed to FEMA's Regional Office in Kansas City, Missouri at (816) 283-7018 to the attention of the Regional Environmental Officer. The DEA can be viewed locally at the University City's Fire Department Main Office at 6801 Delmar Blvd. in University City, the University City Public Library at 6701 Delmar Blvd. in University City, or downloaded from FEMA's website at <http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/index.shtm>. If no substantive comments are received, the DEA will become final and this initial Public Notice will also serve as the final Public Notice. Then this DEA will be moved to FEMA's archives page at <http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/index.shtm>.