

PUBLIC NOTICE

Federal Emergency Management Agency Draft Environmental Assessment Central Maintenance Facility Radio Tower Project, Pierce County, Washington

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) proposes to provide construction funding to Pierce County for a radio/communications tower. Funding would be provided through the Homeland Security Grant Program consistent with the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 (Public Law 110-53).

A draft Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared for the proposed project pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and FEMA's implementing regulations found in 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 10. The EA evaluates alternatives for compliance with applicable environmental laws, including Executive Orders #11990 (Protection of Wetlands), #11988 (Floodplain Management), and #12898 (Environmental Justice). The alternatives evaluated in the EA are the no action; and proposed action, construction of a radio/communications tower at the County's Central Maintenance Facility near Spanaway, Pierce County.

The EA is available for review online at the FEMA environmental web site at: <http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments> under Region X. If no significant issues are identified during the comment period, FEMA will finalize the EA, issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), and fund the project. Unless substantive comments are received, FEMA will not publish another notice for this project. However, should a FONSI be issued, it will be available for public viewing at <http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments> under Region X.

The draft EA is also available for review on May 19 at the Pierce County Planning and Land Services Office, 2401 South 35th Street, Suite 175, Tacoma, WA 98409-7490 from 8am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday.

Written comments on the draft EA should be directed no later than 5 p.m. on June 16, 2010 to Mark G. Eberlein, Regional Environmental Officer, FEMA Region X, 130 228th Street SW, Bothell, WA 98021, or by e-mail at mark.eberlein@dhs.gov. Comments also can be faxed to 425-487-4613.