

Federal Emergency Management Agency
PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment for
The Chicago Fire Department
Engine Company 16
53 East Pershing Road
Chicago, Illinois 60653

A Public Notice regarding an Environmental Assessment (EA) prepared for a proposed Chicago Fire Department Engine Company 16 Facility.

Interested persons are hereby notified that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)/Department of Homeland Security (DHS) are proposing to assist in the funding of the construction of a new 19,725 square foot fire house on a city-owned property at 53 East Pershing Road. This centrally located site was chosen based on a combination of ingress/egress and city lot ownership. The facility will include the following components: a large apparatus bay to house multiple emergency vehicles, full kitchen, locker rooms, toilet facilities, sleeping quarters, officer's quarters, physical training room, meeting room, education room, EMS Field Division South offices, Hazardous Materials Response Team operation with associated storage, a 150' communication tower, and parking for approximately 34 vehicles.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and the implementing regulations of FEMA, an EA is being prepared to assess the potential impacts of proposed alternatives on the human and natural environment. This also provides public notice to invite public comments on the proposed project in accordance with Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, and Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands. In addition, this notice and the draft EA provide information to the public on potential impacts to historic and cultural resources from the proposed undertaking, as outlined in the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966.

The draft EA is available for review between January 4, 2011 and February 4, 2011 at the Public Building Commission of Chicago office located at 200 West Washington Street, Suite 200, Chicago, Illinois 60602 during normal hours of operation. The draft EA is also available for review online at the FEMA website:

<http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/ea-region5.shtm>.

Written comments regarding this environmental action should be received no later than 5 p.m. on February 11, 2011 by Amanda C. Ratliff, Regional Environmental Officer, FEMA, 536 South Clark Street, 6th Floor, Chicago, IL 60605-1521, or at Amanda.Ratliff@dhs.gov.

If no substantive comments are received by the above deadline, the draft EA and associated Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will become final and be published by FEMA. Substantive comments will be addressed as appropriate in the final documents.

The public may request a copy of the final environmental documents from Amanda C. Ratliff at the address listed above.