

**FEMA ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS
FOR NEPA COMPLIANCE
NOTIFICATION OF IMPROVED PROJECT APPROVAL FOR
CITY OF NEW ORLEANS MOSQUITO, TERMITE & RODENT
CONTROL FACILITIES, ORLEANS PARISH, LOUISIANA**

Interested parties are hereby notified that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has prepared a Notification of Improved Project Approval for a proposed relocation and consolidated construction of the Hurricane Katrina damaged Mosquito, Termite and Rodent Control Facilities in New Orleans, Louisiana. The City of New Orleans intends to combine the functions of four buildings into an administrative building and a separate hazardous materials warehouse. The 18,000 square foot Administrative Building will be located at 2001 Leon C. Simon Drive, New Orleans, LA. The other structure, involving the storage of chemicals or hazardous materials, will be an existing 19,500 square foot warehouse to be purchased by the City of New Orleans located at 234 Harbor Circle, New Orleans, LA. This warehouse is located in a heavy industrial zoned area. City of New Orleans seeks federal grant funds for this action eligible for repairs under a Presidential Disaster Declaration, signed on August 29, 2005 (FEMA-1603-DR-LA).

This proposed action would include developing the site located at 2100 Leon C. Simon Drive (termed "Proposed MTCB Administrative Building Construction Site"). This would include constructing an approximately 18,000 square foot building, to house all administrative, teaching, laboratories, training and some storage functions that were housed in the pre-Katrina structures. Activities would include, where necessary, site clearing, grading, driveway construction, and placement of appurtenant utilities (electricity, telephones, water, and sewer) for the site.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) have established Alternative Arrangements to meet the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the CEQ Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Requirements of NEPA (CEQ Regulations) for FEMA Grants to Reconstruct Critical Infrastructure in the New Orleans Metropolitan Area (NOMA). These Alternative Arrangements are designed to enable timely action on the expected large number of grant applications to restore safe and healthful living conditions in the NOMA. These Alternative Arrangements will enable FEMA, as a component of DHS, to consider the potential for significant impacts to the human environment from its approval to fund the reconstruction for critical physical infrastructure in NOMA through its grant programs.

The public comment period will be 30 days. The 30 day comment period will begin on April 1, 2011 and conclude on May 2, 2011. Written comments on the Notification or related matters can be faxed to FEMA's Louisiana Recovery Office at (504) 762-2361 or e-mailed to: fema-noma@dhs.gov; or mailed to FEMA Louisiana Recovery Office, attn: Alternative Arrangements EHP, 1 Seine Court, New Orleans, Louisiana 70114