

**Federal Emergency Management Agency**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Notice of Availability of the Draft Tiered Site-Specific Environmental Assessment (Draft SEA)**  
**for the Emergency Operational Center Project**  
**Saint Charles Parish, Louisiana**  
**Emergency Consolidated Operational Center Grant Program**  
**Project # 2008-EO-T8-0010**

Interested persons are hereby notified that Saint Charles Parish has applied to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) through the Emergency Consolidated Operational Center Grant Program for funding to assist with the construction of a new Emergency Operational Center in Hahnville, Louisiana. A Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) for Grant Programs Directorate Programs was prepared and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was issued in July 2010, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the Council for Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations implementing regulations of NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500 – 1508), the National Historic Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of FEMA (44 CFR Parts 9 and 10). FEMA's environmental planning and historic preservation review concluded that all environmental areas of concern are appropriately accounted for in the PEA with the exception of floodplain impacts. A Tiered Site-Specific Environmental Assessment (SEA) has been prepared in accordance with the July 2010 PEA to focus on Executive Order (EO) 11988 requirements and floodplain impacts of the proposed project.

The Draft SEA evaluates alternatives that provide for compliance with EO 11988. The alternatives evaluated include (1) No Action and (2) the Preferred Action, the construction of a new Emergency Operational Center at the Saint Charles Parish Department of Economic Development Office, Saint Charles Parish Planning and Zoning Office, and the Saint Charles Parish Library property in Hahnville, Saint Charles Parish, Louisiana (Latitude: 29.963611, Longitude -90.404722). The proposed project is located within the 500-year floodplain, Zone X (area protected from the 100-year flood by levee, dike, or other structure subject to failure or overtopping during larger flooding).

The Draft SEA summarizes the purpose and need, alternatives, affected environment, and potential environmental consequences for the proposed action. The Draft SEA is available for comment and can be viewed and downloaded from FEMA's website at <http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/ea-region6.shtm> or viewed at the Saint Charles Parish East Regional Library, 160 West Campus Drive, Destrehan, LA 70047 between April 7, 2011 and April 22, 2011 during the hours of 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM, Monday through Thursday and 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Friday and Saturday.

The comment period will end 15 days from the initial notice publication date of April 7, 2011. Written comments on the Draft SEA can be mailed or faxed to the contact below. If no substantive comments are received, the Draft SEA will become final and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will be issued for the project. Substantive comments will be addressed as appropriate in the final documents.

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