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**PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
HOLT COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
ATKINSON, HOLT COUNTY, NEBRASKA**

Interested parties are hereby notified that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has adopted a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for construction of a 180-foot communication tower in the city of Atkinson, Holt County, Nebraska. FEMA will fund the proposed project under the Department of Homeland Security Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP). The Proposed Action would construct the new communication tower at 607 W. Central St, Atkinson, Holt County, Nebraska. This location would address loss of radio coverage in southwest portions of Holt County.

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 May 12th to June 11th, 2011. 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 Holt County Emergency Management Office, 204 N. 4th St., O'Neill, Holt County, NE. The DEA can also be 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/archives_index.shtm.