

PUBLIC NOTICE

Draft Environmental Assessment

Monroe County School District (MCSD) Smithville K-12 Temporary Facilities

Notice is hereby given of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) intent to provide assistance to MCSD by helping fund temporary K-12 school facilities in Smithville, Monroe County, Mississippi. This notice is provided as an emergency action to re-establish temporary school facilities in Smithville, MS.

The Smithville K-12 school facilities located at 60017 Highway 23 in Smithville was heavily damaged by a tornado on April 27, 2011. MCSD intends to lease 19.1 acres of undeveloped land from Monroe County in Smithville to set up a temporary campus for the Smithville K-12 School. Temporary K-12 facility address is: 60008 Industrial Loop Road, Smithville, MS. The total construction site will be approximately 900 ft long by 500 ft wide (about 450,000 sf) and cover approximately 10.3 acres of the 19.1 acre site. The temporary site will include construction of permanent utilities (water, sewage and electrical) prior to the placement of modular classroom units (45), support facilities (12), parking lots and a school bus drop-off/ pick-up, turnaround and parking locations. The temporary facility will house 600 students and 75 staff. Bus drop-off/pick-up will have space for seven bus parking spaces and a bus turn around area. One crushed limestone parking area will contain 201 parking spaces. Another smaller crushed limestone parking area will contain 16 parking spaces.

This public notice also invites public comments on the proposed project in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act and with Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, and Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands.

Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) is limited to evaluation of potential environmental impacts of construction of temporary school facilities, installation of utilities and construction of roads, parking lots and temporary operation of school facilities.

The public is invited to comment on the proposed action. As an emergency, immediate action is required. Comment period on draft environmental assessment ends on July 15, 2011. Public notice will be posted and the Draft EA is available at the following locations:

1. DHS/FEMA Area Field Office located at 1619 Highland Drive Amory, MS, 38821-8866
2. On a power pole at Temporary School Facility site located on Industrial Loop Road, in Smithville, MS. Posting only.
3. MCSD office located at 1619 Highway 25 North, Amory, MS and on MCSD website at: <http://www.mcsd.us/>.
4. City of Smithville Mayor's Temp Office (Police trailer) located at 600001 Franklin Street, Smithville, MS 38870
5. Renaissance Bank located 63471 Hwy 25 N, Smithville, MS 38870. Posting only.

Draft EA is available for viewing and comment on FEMA website at: <http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/index.shtm>. If no substantial negative comments are received during the comment period, FEMA will convert the Draft EA in the Final EA, and

FEMA will release funding for the project to proceed. After comment period, Draft EA and Final EA will be available at: http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/environments/archives_index.shtm.

Interested persons may obtain more information about the proposed action from either:

- Ryan Lawless at Monroe County Government Offices, 1619 Highway 25 North, Amory, MS or
- Bert Bowen at JFO Field Office DR-1972-MS, 502 Clinton Center Drive, Clinton, MS by phone at (571) 529-0681.

Send your comments to either Mr. Bowen or Mr. Lawless by phone, FAX, email, or in writing as shown below:

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