

## **Public Notice of the Intent of FEMA to Fund a Project**

Notification is hereby given of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) intent to provide funding for the construction of temporary group housing sites in Ward County, North Dakota. Due to the severe flooding that struck the city, rental resources, existing pad sand mobile home sites were not sufficient to meet the housing need. Funding will be provided in accordance with the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 93-288, as amended.

Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), FEMA is required to review the proposed action and possible alternative solutions to the proposed action. Two alternatives were evaluated in the original Environmental Assessment (EA). A Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) was produced to evaluate the expansion of Site 8 to provide needed additional pad sites for up to 300 mobile units.

Agencies contacted for comments in the writing of the SEA included the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), USDA/Farm Services Administration, US Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District, Regulatory Branch, and North Dakota State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) by email, phone calls and personal meetings which produced "No Effect" determinations from each agency. The five (5) resident tribes have been contacted.

The President of the United States has issued Executive Orders (EO) that require Federal agencies, when considering an action or finding, to focus attention on the environment and on human health with respect to: Floodplain Management, Executive Order (EO) 11988; Wetlands Protection, EO 11990; and Environmental Justice, EO 12898. Compliance with Executive Orders, other environmental laws, and the NEPA have been documented in the SEA. The SEA has found that the proposed action will have no significant adverse impact on the human environment. As a result of this finding, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared, and if no comments to the contrary are received, A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will be signed after 3 days from the date of this notice. At that time the proposed project as described in the prepared SEA may proceed.

Interested persons may submit comments, obtain more detailed information about the action, or request a copy of the FONSI by contacting FEMA's Joint Field Office, which is located at 600 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Bismarck, ND 58504. A copy of the Draft SEA may be reviewed on FEMA's website at: <http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/index.shtm>. Requests can also be made to the Environmental Advisor at (701) 221-8697 or at [Charles.Bello@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:Charles.Bello@fema.dhs.gov). If you have a speech disability or hearing loss and use a TTY, call 1-800-462-7585 TTY directly, or if you use 711-Relay or Video Relay Service (VRS), call 1-701-221-5105. Responses must be received no later than Monday, September 5, 2011.