

**Federal Emergency Management Agency  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA)  
for City of Crockett Community Safe Room Project  
Crockett, Houston County, Texas  
HMGP-DR-1791-TX Project #297**

Interested persons are hereby notified that the City of Crockett has applied to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) for program funding under Section 404 the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program provides grants to states and local governments to implement long-term hazard mitigation measures that reduce the loss of life and property due to natural disasters and to enable mitigation measures to be implemented during the immediate recovery from a disaster.

FEMA proposes to provide funding to the City of Crockett through the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) for the construction of a 27,283 square foot stand-alone community safe room at the Crockett Independent School District campus (Latitude: 31.30368; Longitude: -95.4707). The proposed project aims to protect the students, faculty, and staff of Crockett ISD as well as residents that live and work in the area from the risk of hurricanes, tornadoes, and other high wind events.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), Executive Order 11988, Executive Order 11990, and the implementing regulations of FEMA, an Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared to assess the potential impacts of the proposed action on the human and natural environment. The Draft EA summarizes the purpose and need, alternatives, affected environmental, and potential environmental consequences for the proposed action. The Draft EA 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>, requested electronically from Dorothy Weir at [Dorothy.weir@dhs.gov](mailto:Dorothy.weir@dhs.gov), or viewed at the following location: Crockett ISD Administration Building, 1400 West Austin Street, Crockett, Texas 75835, between July 28 and August 12, 2011, from 7a.m. to 5p.m. Monday – Thursday.

The comment period will end 15 days from the initial notice publication date of July 28, 2011. Written comments on the Draft EA can be mailed, emailed, or faxed to the contact below. If no substantive comments are received, the Draft EA 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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