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PUBLIC NOTICE

Draft Supplemental Environmental Assessment
Monroe County School District (MCSD)
Smithville K-12 Temporary Facilities
Safe Storm Shelters

Notice is hereby given of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) intent to provide assistance to MCSD by helping fund forty-nine temporary severe storm shelters at K-12 temporary school facilities in Smithville, Monroe County, Mississippi. This notice is provided as an emergency action to install temporary storm shelters in K-12 temporary school facilities in Smithville, MS. Temporary school facilities are modular units which may not provide sufficient safe space for students and staff members in the event of subsequent tornadoes. Tornadoes and severe storms typically occur with little to no warning, resulting in a limited response time to reach adequate safety protection. Safe shelters at the temporary school facilities will provide student and school staff safe shelter from tornado and severe wind events.

This public notice also invites public comments on the proposed installation of forty-nine temporary storm shelters, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act and with Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, and Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands. Draft Supplement Environmental Assessment (EA) is limited to evaluation of potential environmental impacts installation of temporary storm shelters on the temporary campus. The public is invited to comment on the proposed action.

As an emergency, immediate action is required for safe shelter during the school year. Comment period on draft supplement environmental assessment ends on August 10, 2011. Public notice and draft Supplemental EA are available at the following locations:

1. On a power pole at Temporary School Facility site located on Industrial Loop Road, in Smithville, MS. Posting only.
2. DHS/FEMA Area Field Office located at 1619 Highland Drive Amory, MS, 38821-8866.
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.
6. 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 Supplemental EA in the Final Supplemental EA, and FEMA will release funding for the project. After comment period, Final Supplemental 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 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 Mr. Bowen by phone, FAX, email, or in writing as shown below:

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