

FEMA PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

Cameron Parish Waterworks District #7 Construction of Storage Pavilion and Purchase of Capital Equipment Creole, Cameron Parish, Louisiana

Interested parties are hereby notified that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed construction of a storage pavilion and the purchase of capital equipment in lieu of replacing the Hurricane Rita damaged Cameron Parish Waterworks District #7 office building and storage shed formerly located at 132 Raymond Richard Road, Cameron, Louisiana and 4790 West Creole Highway, Cameron, Louisiana, respectively. Cameron Parish Waterworks District #7 relocated their administrative functions to the Creole Fire Station building and proposed to use the storage pavilion and capital equipment to serve the needs of the community in the event of another disaster. Cameron Parish seeks federal grant funds for this action eligible under a Presidential Disaster Declaration, signed on September 24, 2005 (FEMA-1607-DR-LA).

This proposed action would include developing an approximate one acre site (termed “Proposed Storage Pavilion Site”) adjacent to and on the west side of Creole Highway Highway/Louisiana Highway 82. This would include constructing an approximately 1500 square foot open pavilion to mainly store the capital equipment purchased, which will be used to service the needs of the community in the event of another disaster. Activities would include, where necessary, site clearing, grading, driveway construction, and placement of appurtenant utilities (electricity) for the site. Per the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4371 *et seq.*), and associated environmental statutes, a Draft EA has been prepared to evaluate the action’s potential impacts on the human and natural environment. This Draft EA summarizes the purpose and need, site selection process, affected environment, and potential environmental consequences associated with the proposed action.

Based on FEMA’s findings to date, no significant adverse environmental effects are anticipated. However, if FEMA receives new information that results in a change from no adverse effects then FEMA would revise the findings and issue a second public notice allowing time for additional comments. However, if there are no changes, this Draft EA will become the Final EA.

If no substantive comments are received, the Draft EA and associated Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will become final and this initial Public Notice will also serve as the final Public Notice. Substantive comments will be addressed as appropriate in the final documents.

In accordance with NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4371 *et seq.*) and associated environmental statutes, a Draft FONSI was prepared to evaluate the proposed action’s potential impacts on the human and natural environment. The Draft FONSI is FEMA’s finding that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the human and natural environment.

The public comment period will be open for 15 days, from October 17, 2011 through October 31, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Written comments on the proposal may be mailed to:

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency
Environmental / Historic Preservation
St. Bernard II Multi-family Housing Project
1 Seine Court
New Orleans, LA 70114

Or emailed to: FEMA-NOMA@dhs.gov or faxed to FEMA's Louisiana Recovery Office in New Orleans at (504) 762-2323. Verbal comments will be accepted at 504 762-2361 between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

This Public Notice and FEMA's Draft FONSI can be viewed and downloaded from FEMA's website at www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/ea-region6.shtm. A public notice will be published for 5 days in the local newspaper, The Cameron Pilot, announcing the availability of the Draft EA for public review at the Cameron Parish Main Library at 469 Marshall Street, Cameron, Louisiana (hours are 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Mon.-Thurs. and 8:00 AM to 4:00PM Fri.). If no substantive comments are received, the Draft FONSI will become final and this Public Notice will also serve as the final Public Notice.