

**FEMA PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY  
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR  
CHANGE OF LOCATION OF THE CAMERON PARISH FIRE STATION  
AND WATERWORKS, CAMERON PARISH, LOUISIANA**

Interested parties are hereby notified that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for a proposed relocation and reconstruction of the Hurricane Rita damaged Johnson Bayou Fire Station and Waterworks building formerly located at 155 Berwick Road, Cameron, Louisiana. The proposed Fire Station and Waterworks would replace the functions and capacity eligible for replacement at the original facility in a new location at 6246 Gulf Beach Highway, Cameron, Louisiana at latitude 29.76983/longitude -93.70065. 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 approximately 1.5-acre site (termed "Proposed Fire Station and Waterworks Reconstruction Site") adjacent to and on the north side of Gulf Beach Highway/Louisiana Highway 82. This would include constructing an approximately 6,200 square foot building, to mainly service the current need for fire protection and waterworks services in this community and the surrounding areas. Activities would include, where necessary, site clearing, grading, driveway construction, and placement of appurtenant utilities (electricity, telephones, water, and sewer) 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.

The public comment period will be 15 days – October 20, 2011 through November 5, 2011. Written comments on the Draft EA or related matters can be faxed to FEMA's Louisiana Recovery Office at (504) 762-3232; or mailed to FEMA Louisiana Recovery Office, 1 Seine Court, New Orleans, Louisiana 70114. The Draft EA can be viewed and downloaded from FEMA's website: <http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/ea-region6.shtm>. A public notice will be published for 5 days in the newspaper, The Advocate, 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.).

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.