

**Federal Emergency Management Agency
PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment (Draft EA)
for the Mims VFD Guyed Tower Construction
Marion County, Texas
Homeland Security Grant Program
Project # 2010-SS-T0-0008 (10186)**

Interested persons are hereby notified that Marion County has applied to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) through the Homeland Security Grant Program for funding to assist with the construction of a communication tower. The Marion County proposes to construct a hundred fifty (150) foot new communications tower with a twenty (20) foot antenna located at 12728 FM 729 in Avinger, Texas 75630 at coordinates 32.82013 Latitude and -94.61031 Longitude. The proposed tower will enhance the interoperable communications among all first responder disciplines during times of natural or man-made disasters.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and the implementing regulations of FEMA, a Draft 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 environment, 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>. The Draft EA can also be viewed at the Mims Water Supply Corporation, located at 12688 FM 729, Avinger, TX 75630, Monday through Friday 9:00 AM to Noon and 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

The comment period will end 15 days from the initial notice publication date of April 5, 2012. Written comments on the Draft EA can be mailed 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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