

Federal Emergency Management Agency
PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment (Draft EA)
for the Teague Tower Site
Freestone County, Texas
Homeland Security Grant Program
Project # 2009-SS-T9-0064 (9059) – TX 394

Interested persons are hereby notified that the Heart of Texas Council of Governments (HOTCOG) 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 HOTCOG proposes to construct a 199-foot tall (top of structure) self-support telecommunications tower located at the northeast corner of the intersection of 5th Avenue and Cypress Street, Teague, Freestone County, Texas (Latitude: 31.63158, Longitude: -96.28114). The proposed tower will improve routine daily radio traffic as well as emergency incident radio traffic for Freestone County.

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 Teague Public Library, located at 400 Main Street, Teague, Texas, Monday through Friday 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM, 9:00 AM to Noon on Saturday.

The comment period will end 15 days from the initial notice publication date of March 27, 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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