

Federal Emergency Management Agency
PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment
For the New Ramstad Middle School
City of Minot, Ward County, North Dakota

Environmental Assessment (EA) for the New Ramstad Middle School construction project.

Interested persons are hereby notified that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)/Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is proposing to provide funding for the construction of a New Ramstad Middle School for the City of Minot. This project is to construct a 103,683 square foot (sf), school facility on approximately 20 acres of agricultural land west of 36th Avenue Northwest and North Broadway. The new school will provide capacity for the current Ramstad Middle School students as well as provide an area for potential future growth. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and the implementing regulations of FEMA, an EA is being prepared to assess the potential impacts of each of the proposed alternatives on the human and natural environment. This also provides public notice to invite public comments on the proposed project in accordance with Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, and Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands. In addition, this notice and the draft EA provide information to the public on potential impacts to historic and cultural resources from the proposed undertaking, as outlined in the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966.

The draft EA is available for review between April 3, 2012 and May 4, 2012 at the Minot City Hall located at 515 2nd Ave SW, Minot, ND 58702. The draft EA is also available for review online at the City of Minot website <http://www.minotnd.org/> and at the FEMA website <http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/ea-region8.shtm>.

Written comments regarding this environmental action should be received no later than 5 p.m. on May XX, 2012, by M. Rebecca Forman, Project Scientist, Braun Intertec, 1826 Buerkle Road, St. Paul, MN 55110 at rforman@braunintertec.com; and/or Steven E. Hardegen, DHS/FEMA Region VIII Environmental Officer Denver Federal Center, Bldg 710A, Denver, CO 80225-0267 at Steven.Hardegen@fema.dhs.gov.

If no substantive comments are received by the above deadline, the draft EA and associated Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will become final and be published by FEMA. Substantive comments will be addressed as appropriate in the final documents.

The public may request a copy of the final environmental documents from M. Rebecca Forman or Steven E. Hardegen at the addresses listed above.