

Federal Emergency Management Agency

PUBLIC NOTICE

**Notice of Availability of the Draft Tiered Site-Specific Environmental Assessment (Draft SEA)
for the Port Fourchon Multi-Agency Emergency Response Operations Center
Lafourche Parish, Louisiana
Port Security Grant Program
Project # 2009-PU-T9-K023 (01)**

Interested persons are hereby notified that the Greater Lafourche Port Commission has applied to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) through the Homeland Security Grant Program for funding to assist with the construction of an Emergency Operations Center located at 108 A. O. Rappelet Road, Port Fourchon, Lafourche Parish, LA 70357 (Latitude: 29.15307, Longitude -90.18045). A Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) for Grant Programs Directorate Programs was prepared and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was issued in July 2010, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the Council for Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations implementing regulations of NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500 – 1508), the National Historic Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of FEMA (44 CFR Parts 9 and 10). FEMA's environmental planning and historic preservation review concluded that all environmental areas of concern are appropriately accounted for in the PEA with the exception of floodplain impacts. A Tiered Site-Specific Environmental Assessment (SEA) has been prepared in accordance with the July 2010 PEA to focus on Executive Order (EO) 11988 requirements and floodplain impacts of the proposed project.

The Draft SEA summarizes the purpose and need, alternatives, affected environment, and potential environmental consequences for the proposed action. The Draft SEA is available for comment and can be viewed and downloaded from the Greater Lafourche Port Commission website at www.portfourchon.com and FEMA's website at <http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/ea-region6.shtm> or viewed at the Greater Lafourche Administrative Office located at 16829 East Main Street, Galliano, LA during the hours of 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, and the Greater Lafourche Port Operations Center located at 108 A. O. Rappelet Road, Port Fourchon, LA, immediately adjacent to the project site during the hours of 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

The comment period will end 15 days from the initial notice publication date of May 9, 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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