

Federal Emergency Management Agency
PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment (Draft EA)
for the Proposed Holiday Beach Radio Tower
Aransas County, Texas
Homeland Security Grant Program
Project # 2010-SS-T0-0008 (10224)

Interested persons are hereby notified that Texas Department of Public Safety has applied to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) through the Homeland Security Grant Program for funding to assist with the construction of the Proposed Holiday Beach Radio Tower located in Aransas County, Texas. The proposed 175-foot self-supported lattice telecommunications tower with 20-foot antenna will be located at 6779 Highway 35 North approximately 12 miles north of City of Rockport, on Highway 35 in Aransas County, Texas at 28.16925 Latitude and -96.998306 Longitude. The tower will be installed directly adjacent to the existing Holiday Beach Fire Station. The proposed tower will improve first responder communication capabilities in Aransas 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 County Judge's Office in the Aransas County Courthouse at 301 N. Live Oak St, Rockport Texas, Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and at the Aransas County Public Safety Center, 714 E. Concho, Rockport, Texas, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The comment period will end 15 days from the initial notice publication date of May 23, 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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