

Federal Emergency Management Agency
PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment (Draft EA)
for the Jackson County Sheriff's Office Communication Tower
Edna, Texas
Homeland Security Grant Program
Project # 2010-SS-T0-0008 (11906)

Interested persons are hereby notified that the Jackson County Sheriff's Department 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 site. The Jackson County Sheriff's Department is proposing to construct a 480-foot guyed communication tower at 28.89128 latitude and -96.59011 longitude, located 8.5 miles southeast of Edna, TX along FM 3131 on property owned by the Lavaca-Navidad River Authority in Edna, Jackson County, Texas. The proposed tower will improve communication among regional emergency personal and critical operations.

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 any time at the Jackson County Courthouse at 115 West Main Street, Edna, Texas.

The comment period will end 15 days from the initial notice publication date of July 11, 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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