

Federal Emergency Management Agency
PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment (Draft EA)
for the Proposed Astro Wade Communication Tower
Harris County, Texas
Homeland Security Grant Program
Project # 2010-SS-T0-0008 (10204)

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 proposed Astro Wade Communication Tower in Harris County, Texas. The proposed project is to construct a 499-foot self-supporting communications tower and equipment compound that will be located south of E. Wallisville Road, and on the west of Wade Road in Highland, Texas at latitude 29.816080 and longitude -95.018578. The proposed tower will provide signal coverage for the Port of Houston and surrounding communities as well as Galveston Bay.

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 <https://www.fema.gov/environmental-documents-and-public-notice-in-region-vi>. The Draft EA can also be viewed at the Harris County Radio Shop, located at 2500 Texas Street, Houston, Texas 77003 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. In addition, the Draft EA can be viewed at the Stratford Branch Library, located at 509 Stratford Street, Highlands, Texas 77562, Monday 12 noon to 8:00 p.m.; Tuesday to Wednesday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Fridays 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The comment period will end 15 days from the initial notice publication date of August 24, 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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