

Federal Emergency Management Agency
PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice of Availability of the Draft Tiered Site-Specific Environmental Assessment (Draft SEA)
and Early Notice of a Proposed Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain
Proposed Port of Brownsville - Dock Construction, Pilings Installation, Boat Lift Project
Brownsville, Texas
Port Security Grant Program
Project # 2010-PU-T0-0118-IJ#2 (7058)

Interested persons are hereby notified that the Brownsville Navigation District has applied to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) through the Port Security Grant Program for funding to assist with the construction of the docks, pilings, and a boat lift in Brownsville, Texas. The project will involve approximately 100 feet of small vessel docks with boat lifts and piling installation to be used primarily by the Port of Brownsville Police Department, but will also provide space for U. S. Coast Guard vessels, as well as the Texas Parks and Wildlife and Texas General Land Office vessels located at the end of the Brownsville Ship Channel in the Port of Brownsville, Brownsville, Texas (Latitude: 25.952125, Longitude: -97.403101). The proposed project will increase presence of law enforcement that would improve the Port Police ability to screen for possible threats to the maritime domain and conduct waterside searches of port infrastructure.

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 Draft Tiered Site-Specific Environmental Assessment (SEA) has been prepared in accordance with the July 2010 PEA to focus on Executive Order 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 FEMA's website at <https://www.fema.gov/environmental-documents-and-public-notices-in-region-vi>. A copy of the document can also be viewed at any time at the Port of Brownsville's Harbor Master's office located at 400 Windhaus Road, Brownsville, Texas 78521.

This notice also serves as the Early Public Notice for a Proposed Activity in the 100-Year Floodplain. This notice is provided pursuant to 44 CFR Part 9.12, (Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands), and FEMA's implementing regulation for Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, concerning FEMA's funding assistance for activities within and/or affect a floodplain. According to the FIRM (Community Panel Number 4801010350B the Effective Date September 15, 1983), the proposed project site is location within Flood Zone A8; define as areas of 100-year flood, base flood elevations and flood hazards determined.

The comment period will end 15 days from the initial notice publication date of September 24, 2012. Written comments on the Draft SEA or the proposed work in the floodplain can be mailed or faxed to the contact below. If no substantive comments are received, the Draft SEA 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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