Appendix E

Public Notice of Draft Environmental Assessment

Federal Emergency Management Agency
PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA)
Highway 90 Section
of the Restore Biloxi Program
Harrison County, Mississippi
FEMA-1604-DR-MS

In accordance with the *National Environmental Policy Act* (NEPA) of 1969, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed Highway 90 Section of the Restore Biloxi Program in Biloxi, Harrison County, Mississippi.

The proposed project will repair or replace damaged water, sewer and drainage facilities in order to restore the City's infrastructure in the Highway 90 corridor to pre-Katrina conditions. As a result of the project, the efficiency of water, sewer and drainage systems will be improved while the potential for future storm impacts will be reduced. Some existing sewer lift stations will be eliminated and the affected flows consolidated into new gravity-flow sanitary sewers less susceptible to storm-related damage.

Under the Proposed Action Alternative, the City of Biloxi would repair/replace sanitary sewer lines, water lines, stormwater drainage and lift stations, and perform associated minor roadway rehabilitation work within a corridor extending approximately 8.5 miles east and west along Highway 90. The City proposes to acquire easements, as necessary, in order to relocate existing water lines, sewer lines, and stormwater drainage lines currently located either beneath the paved surface of Highway 90 or in the unpaved portion of the right-of-way adjacent to the route maintained by the Mississippi Department of Transportation.

The Draft EA has been prepared in accordance with all requirements of NEPA, the *National Historic Preservation Act* (NHPA), Executive Order 11988 ("Floodplain Management"), Executive Order 11990 ("Protection of Wetlands"), and the implementing regulations of FEMA, for the purpose of assessing 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 of the proposed action. The Draft EA is available for review and comment and can be viewed on and/or downloaded from FEMA's website at http://coop.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/ea-region4.shtm or viewed and copied at the following locations:

- Biloxi City Hall
  Office of the Mayor
  140 Lameuse Street
  Biloxi, Mississippi 39530
  Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

- Biloxi Library

580 Howard
Biloxi, Mississippi 39530
Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 6 p.m. and Friday and Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The comment period will conclude 15 days after the initial publication of this Public Notice on December ??, 2012. Written comments on the Draft EA can be mailed or faxed to the contact listed below. If no substantive comments are received, the Draft EA and associated Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will become final. Substantive comments received will be addressed as appropriate in the final documents.

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