

Interested parties are hereby notified that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) of the Proposed Action to build a new communication tower and install six low profile antennas for the Port Wide Interoperable Communications Infrastructure Project in Port Canaveral, at 445 Challenger Road, Cape Canaveral, Florida. The communication tower would be a 160 foot (ft) high, free standing lattice tower; on a 17 ft wide, 17 ft long, 4 ft deep concrete pad. The 1 ft diameter antennas would either be pole or wall mounted to existing structures in the Port's northwest corner. This Proposed Action is to upgrade the Port communications system to provide needed reliable transfer of sensitive and classified voice, data, video, and multi-media communications throughout the Port and among its stakeholders. Construction is planned for late 2012 and early 2013, to take about 30 to 60 days total. Per the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4371 et seq.), related laws, and FEMA regulations (44 CFR Part 10), FEMA wrote the Draft EA to evaluate and summarize the Proposed Action's purpose and need, alternatives, site selection process, affected environment, and the Proposed Action and Alternatives' potential environmental impacts. The 15-day Public Comment period is December 1 through December 16, 2012. A Public Notice advertising the availability of this Draft EA for public review and comment will be published in "Florida Today" on December 1, 2012 and December 5, 2012. Written comments on the Draft EA or related matters may be faxed to FEMA's Region IV Office at (770) 220-5440; emailed to FEMA-R4EHP@dhs.gov; or mailed to William Straw, FEMA R4 REO, 3003 Chamblee Tucker Road, Atlanta GA, 30341-4112. The Draft EA may be viewed and downloaded from FEMA's website: <http://www.fema.gov/environmental-planning-and-historic-preservation-program/environmental-documents-public-notice-2>. The Draft EA will also be available for public review at the Cape Canaveral Public Library, 201 Polk Avenue, Cape Canaveral, Florida on Monday 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Tuesday through Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, and Saturday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Based on FEMA's findings to date, we anticipate no significant adverse effects on the natural or cultural environment. If significant new, contrary information is received, FEMA will revise its findings, issue second Public Notice for additional comments, and address substantial comments in the final documents. If no significant new, contrary comments are received, the Draft EA will become the Final EA, this initial Public Notice will also serve as final Public Notice, and FEMA will issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).