



FEMA

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
PROPOSED FIRE STATION #4, 3402 SOUTH HEARNES BLVD.
JOPLIN, NEWTON COUNTY, MISSOURI**

As a result of damages from severe storms and tornados on May 22, 2011, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) was authorized under a Presidential disaster declaration (FEMA-1980-DR-MO) to provide Federal assistance to designated disaster areas in Missouri. Assistance authorized by the statute is available to individuals, families, state and local governments, and certain nonprofit organizations. Joplin Fire Station #4, 2010 E. 15th St., Joplin, Missouri was damaged or destroyed as a result of the storm event. The purpose of the proposed project is for the community to better meet long-term regional planning objectives.

The Joplin Fire Department has applied for FEMA funding to construct a new fire station to be located at 3402 S. Hearnnes Blvd.

The attached Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared by the Joplin Fire Department in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, the President's Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulations Parts 1500-1508) to implement NEPA, and the FEMA regulations (10 Code of Federal Regulations Part 10) to implement NEPA.

The city of Joplin initiated a public involvement process through Public Notice and consultation with other Federal and state agencies.

The proposed project was evaluated for any potential significant adverse impacts to soils, air quality, water quality, wetlands, floodplains, threatened or endangered species, cultural and historic resources, and environmental justice considerations. The project was coordinated with the U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, Missouri Department of Conservation, and Missouri Department of Natural Resources, State Historic Preservation Office.

The applicant is responsible for obtaining and complying with all required local, State, and Federal permits and approvals.

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Based on the EA and in accordance with Presidential Executive Orders 12898 (Environmental Justice), 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), and 11988 (Floodplain Management), FEMA has determined that the proposed action would not have any significant adverse impacts on the human environment. As a result of this FONSI, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will not be prepared and the proposed project may proceed.

Approved:

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Kenneth G. Sessa
Regional Environmental Officer

4/19/2013
Date