

**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 La Quinta/Gulf Intracoastal Waterway Security Enhancements  
Ingleside, San Patricio County, Texas  
Port Security Grant Program  
Project # 2009-PU-T9-K049 (10) (12456)**

Interested persons are hereby notified that the Port of Corpus Christi has applied to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) through the Port Security Grant Program for funding to assist with the installation of Pan, Tilt, Zoom (PTZ) color/thermal cameras that will be mounted on 60-foot camera poles at two separate locations. Each camera pole will be 24 inches in diameter. The camera poles will be surrounded by 8-foot high security fencing with concrete curb and barbed wire outriggers. At the Ingleside site, a 2,000 square foot area will be cleared and a 300 square foot drive will be installed. Along regional roadways, 23,000 linear feet of fiber optic cable will be installed to transmit camera signals to a local communications building. The signals will then be transmitted to the port's security command center. The trench for the fiber optic cable will be 1-foot wide and 4 feet deep. To minimize damage from flooding, all above ground electrical components will be installed above the base flood elevation to prevent water from entering the electrical panel. This proposed project will provide security camera surveillance of the Port's main Corpus Christi Ship Channel, La Quinta Channel, and the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway in Ingleside, San Patricio County, Texas.

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-notice-in-region-vi> or the Port of Corpus Christi Authority website at [www.portofcorpuschristi.com](http://www.portofcorpuschristi.com). A copy of the document can also be viewed at the Port of Corpus Christi Authority located at 222 Power Street, Corpus Christi, TX 78401 Monday through Friday during the hours of 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

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. FEMA has determined that a portion of the project is located within a Zone AE and A14, an area of 100-year flood; base flood elevations and flood hazards factors determined, as depicted on FIRM Community Panel

4855060531C, dated March 18, 1985. The remainder of the proposed project is located beyond the 100-year floodplain as depicted on FIRM Community Panels 4854800006D, 4854800007D, 4854800008D, 4854800009D, all dated August 4, 2004.

The comment period will end 15 days from the initial notice publication date of February 14, 2013. 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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