

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**FEMA NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY**  
**DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**  
**DRAFT FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**  
**RELOCATION OF ALEXANDER MILNE HOME FOR WOMEN**  
**NEW ORLEANS AND WALDHEIM, LOUISIANA**

Interested parties are hereby notified that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has prepared a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The purpose of the EA is to assess the effects on the human and natural environment for the relocation of the Alexander Milne Home for Women from New Orleans, Louisiana to Waldheim, Louisiana, a proposed action for which FEMA is considering providing funding assistance.

The Alexander Milne Home for Women (AMHW), formally located 1913 Gentilly Boulevard, New Orleans Louisiana, was severely damaged during Hurricane Katrina and was deemed eligible for replacement by FEMA Public Assistance Program. The facility included eight (8) multi-purpose structures which served as a home for up to 70 developmentally disadvantaged women in dormitory style living quarters. Most residents reside at AMHW their entire lives. Currently, the home is operating from temporary facilities located in Laurel, Mississippi. The applicant has elected to replace eligible facilities lost at the Gentilly Boulevard location with alternate facilities at a proposed St. Tammany Parish location (i.e., the new AMHW complex).

The purpose of the draft EA is to analyze the potential environmental impacts associated with the preferred action and alternatives. The draft EA evaluates a No Action Alternative; the Preferred Alternative, which is to construct a new facility at an alternate site in St. Tammany Parish; and an Alternative to permanently relocate the AMHW in Laurel, Mississippi.

The draft FONSI is FEMA's finding that the preferred action will not have a significant effect on the human and natural environment.

The draft EA and draft FONSI are available for review at the following locations: St. Tammany Parish Library-Covington Branch Monday-Thursday 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Friday-Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and the Mid-City Branch-New Orleans Monday-Thursday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. The documents can be downloaded from FEMA's website at [www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/ea-region6.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/ea-region6.shtm). The public notice will run from April 3-5 2013. The comment period will begin April 6, 2013 and ends April 20, 2013 at 4 pm. Comments may be mailed to: DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY-FEMA EHP-Alexander Milne Home for Women, 1 Seine Court, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor New Orleans, LA 70114. Comments may be emailed to: FEMA-NOMA@dhs.gov or faxed to: 504-762-2323. Verbal comments will be accepted or recorded at 504-762-2912. If no substantive comments are received, the draft EA and associated Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will become final.