

**Federal Emergency Management Agency  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment (Draft EA)  
and Early Notice of a Proposed Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain  
for the Proposed Galveston Island Telecommunications Tower  
Galveston County Court House, Galveston County, Texas  
Homeland Security Grant Program  
Project # 2011-SS-00019 (14839)**

Interested persons are hereby notified that the County of Galveston has applied to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) through the Homeland Security Grant Program for funding to assist with the construction of the proposed Galveston Island Telecommunications Tower in Galveston County, Texas. The proposed project is to construct a 350-foot self-supporting communications tower and equipment compound that will be located on the lawn of the Galveston County Courthouse at 502 ½ 59th Street, Galveston County, Galveston, Texas at latitude 29.293694 and longitude -94.833556. The County of Galveston has determined that the proposed tower would successfully address regional radio coverage issues.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and the implementing regulations of FEMA, a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared to assess 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 for the proposed action. The Draft EA 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>. The Draft EA can also be viewed at the Rosenberg Library, located at 2310 Sealy Street, Galveston, Texas 77550, Monday through Saturday during the hours of 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

This notice also serves as the Early Public Notice for a Proposed Activity in the 100-Year Floodplain. It 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. According to the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (Community Panel Number 4854690022E, with the effective date December 6, 2002), the proposed project site is location within Zone AE; define as areas of 100-year flood; base flood elevations and flood hazard factors determined).

The comment period will end 15 days from the initial notice publication date of May 6, 2013. Written comments on the Draft EA can be mailed or faxed to the contact below. If no substantive comments are received, the Draft EA 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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