

Federal Emergency Management Agency
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
Draft Environmental Assessment
Proposed City of Seabrook Wastewater System Infrastructure Retrofit
HMGP-DR-4332-TX Project #13
Harris County, Texas

Interested parties are hereby notified that the City of Seabrook (the City) has applied to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) through the Texas Division of Emergency Management for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding under Section 404 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program provides grants to states and local governments to implement long-term hazard mitigation measures that reduce the loss of life and property due to natural disasters and to enable mitigation measures to be implemented during the immediate recovery from a disaster.

FEMA proposes to provide funding to the City for a proposed wastewater system infrastructure retrofit project. The Proposed Action would include construction of a new wastewater treatment facility (the Pine Gully Wastewater Treatment Plant [PGWWTP]) located at Pine Gully next to the Seabrook Public Works Complex on the northside of the City, modification of three of the City's existing lift stations, installation of two new lift stations on City property, and installation of 23,359 linear feet of new force mains and 2,040 linear feet of gravity sewer lines within existing roadway shoulders to direct wastewater to the proposed PGWWTP facility. The existing Main Street Wastewater Treatment Plant (MSWWTP) would be demolished by the City after the PGWWTP is brought online.

A draft Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared to assess the potential impacts of the proposed action and alternatives on the human and natural environment in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations implementing NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500 – 1508), FEMA's Instruction 108-1-1 for implementing NEPA, the National Historic Preservation Act, Executive Order 11988, Executive Order 11990, and 44 CFR Part 9. The draft EA summarizes the purpose and need of the project and affected environment, and evaluates alternatives that provide for compliance with applicable environmental laws. The alternatives evaluated include 1) No Action; 2) Proposed Action 3) West Right-of-Way; 4) East Right-of-Way. Two other alternatives were considered and dismissed: Storm Surge Resistant Wall and Alternative Force Main Right-of-Way.

The draft EA is available for review and comment from **March X-April X, 2021**, online at FEMA's website <https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/practitioners/environmental-historic/region/6> and City of Seabrook website at <http://seabrooktv.gov>. An electronic or hard copy version of the draft EA can also be requested from Dorothy Cook, FEMA Region 6, at dorothy.cook@fema.dhs.gov.

The comment period will end 30 days from the initial notice publication date. Written comments on the draft EA can be mailed or emailed to Dorothy Cook, Environmental Protection Specialist, FEMA Region 6, 800 N Loop 288, Denton, TX 76209; Email: dorothy.cook@fema.dhs.gov. 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.