

**FEMA PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY  
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS FOR DEVELOPMENT  
OF TEMPORARY EMERGENCY HOUSING AT RICHARDS TAFT  
SITE AND EAST OLIVE ROAD SITE IN PENSACOLA,  
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Interested parties are hereby notified that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has prepared two Environmental Assessments (EAs) for two proposed temporary manufactured housing (mobile home or travel trailer) sites. The sites would temporarily house disaster victims, displaced by Hurricane Ivan in September 2004, for a period of up to about 24 months. The President signed a Disaster Declaration, FEMA-1551-DR-FL, on September 16, 2004 for this event.

One proposed action consists of developing an approximately 9-acre site for manufactured housing units, to be located on Old Palafox Highway between Richards Road and Taft Drive in Pensacola, Florida (termed "Richards Taft Site"). A second proposed action consists of developing an approximately 10-acre site for manufactured housing units, to be located on East Olive Road between Coronet Drive and Winodee Road in Pensacola, Florida (termed "East Olive Road Site"). Activities at these sites would include, where necessary, site clearing, grading, road construction, filling, the placement of utilities (electricity, telephones, water, and sewer), and the transport to and hook-up of manufactured homes on the site. Per the National Environmental Policy Act (42 USC 4371 *et seq.*) and associated environmental statutes, a draft EA was prepared to evaluate the action's potential impacts on the human and natural environment. The draft EAs consider project alternatives, the existing environment, the alternatives' environmental consequences, and ways to avoid, reduce, or mitigate any adverse environmental consequences.

Due to the emergency nature of these actions, the public comment periods will be brief - from October 12 to October 14, 2004. Verbal comments will be accepted at (850) 444-2895 between 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. An answering machine will be available to record voice messages during non-business hours. The draft EAs can be viewed and downloaded from FEMA's website: <http://www.fema.gov/ehp/docs.shtm>. They are also available for public review at the **Brent Lane DRC**, 33 Brent Lane, Pensacola; the **Winn Dixie DRC**, 470 South Highway 29, Cantonment; the **Pensacola Public Library**, 200 Gregory Street, Pensacola; and the **Lucia M. Tryon Branch Library**, 5740 North Ninth Avenue, Pensacola. The DRCs' hours are Monday through Sunday, 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. The Pensacola Library is open Tuesday through Thursday 9:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M., Friday and Saturday 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and Sunday 2:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. The Tryon Branch Library is open Tuesday through Thursday, 9:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M., Friday and Saturday, 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. If no substantive comments are received, the EA will be finalized and this initial Public Notice will also serve as the final Public Notice.

All other questions regarding disaster assistance or the availability of emergency temporary housing should be directed to FEMA's Tele-registration line at 800-621-3362 and TTY 800-462-7585.