

Order 13407, the IPAWS Program goal is to identify, develop, and/or adopt appropriate standards to enable implementation of interoperable public alert and warning systems, to identify technologies and standards that improve security, reliability, addressability, accessibility, interoperability, coverage, and resilience of the public alert and warning systems, and to integrate these capabilities via a common IPAWS Aggregator. Certain construction-related actions may be taken, such as modification of existing transmitter structures to current code and standards, trenching for utility lines, removal of existing underground or above ground fuel storage tanks and the placement of above-ground fuel storage tanks of increased capacity, placement of generators, placement of pre-cast concrete shelter modules, and fencing, to meet the IPAWS Program goal.

The PEA provides the public and decision-makers with the information required to understand and evaluate the potential environmental consequences of actions funded by FEMA. In addition to meeting the goals of impact identification and disclosure, the PEA addresses the need to streamline the NEPA review process in the interest of national preparedness and homeland security.

The analysis presented in the PEA relies on FEMA's experience regarding environmental impacts that can be expected with actions that would be undertaken through IPAWS. FEMA will consider the analysis in the PEA to determine whether a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) or a Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement is appropriate for the proposed actions described and assessed in the PEA.

The PEA will also assist in determining when more site-specific information is needed and what level of environmental analysis and documentation is required in order for more complex projects to comply with NEPA.

**Authority:** National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4331 *et seq.*; 40 CFR part 1500; 44 CFR part 10.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID FEMA-2010-0022]

#### Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation Compliance Costs Policy; Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation Mitigation Policy

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is accepting comments on a draft Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation Compliance Costs policy and a draft Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation Mitigation policy.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by June 10, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments must be identified by docket ID FEMA-2010-0022 and may be submitted by one of the following methods:

*Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. Please note that the proposed policies are not rulemakings and the Federal Rulemaking Portal is being utilized only as a mechanism for receiving comments.

*Mail:* Regulation & Policy Team, Office of Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Room 835, 500 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20472-3100.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Laura Shick, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Office of Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation, 1800 S. Bell Street, 7th Floor, Arlington, VA 20598-3020, 202-646-2685.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Public Participation

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name and docket ID. Regardless of the method used for submitting comments or material, all submissions will be posted, without change, to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>, and will include any personal information you provide. Therefore, submitting this information makes it public. You may wish to read the Privacy Act notice, which can be viewed by clicking on the "Privacy Notice" link in the footer of <http://www.regulations.gov>.

You may submit your comments and material by the methods specified in the

**ADDRESSES** section above. Please submit your comments and any supporting material by only one means to avoid the receipt and review of duplicate submissions.

*Docket:* The proposed policies are available in docket ID FEMA-2010-0022. For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for the docket ID. Submitted comments may also be inspected at FEMA, Office of Chief Counsel, Room 835, 500 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20472.

##### II. Background

The draft Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation Compliance Costs policy establishes FEMA's policy on who is responsible to pay for the costs of FEMA's environmental planning and historic preservation (EHP) review, EHP analysis preparation, and execution of EHP mitigation measures. The draft Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation Mitigation policy establishes FEMA's policy on the negotiation and adoption of avoidance, minimization, mitigation, and compensation measures to address adverse effects to the environment, including cultural and historic resources.

The proposed policies do not have the force or effect of law.

FEMA seeks comment on the proposed policies, which are available online at <http://www.regulations.gov> in docket ID FEMA-2010-0022. Based on the comments received, FEMA may make appropriate revisions to the proposed policies. Although FEMA will consider any comments received in the drafting of the final policies, FEMA will not provide a response to comments document. When or if FEMA issues final policies, FEMA will publish a notice of availability in the **Federal Register** and make the final policies available at <http://www.regulations.gov>. The final policies will not have the force or effect of law.

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*; 40 CFR part 1500; 44 CFR part 10.

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