Federal Emergency Management Agency PUBLIC NOTICE Notice of Availability for Draft Environmental Assessments For Elm Avenue Diversion, East Side Lift Station and West Side Lift Station Delano, Wright County, MN

Environmental Assessments for Elm Avenue Diversion, East Side Lift Station, and West Side Lift Station; City of Delano, Wright County, Minnesota. FEMA-MN-2003-MN.

Interested persons are hereby notified that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)/Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is proposing to assist in the funding of storm sewer system improvements to mitigate and prepare for damage caused by flooding in the City of Delano. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and the implementing regulations of FEMA, Environmental Assessments (EAs) are being prepared to assess the potential impacts of each of the proposed actions on the human and natural environment. This also provides public notice to invite public comments on the proposed project in accordance with Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, and Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands. In addition, this notice and the draft EAs provide information to the public on potential impacts to historic and cultural resources from the proposed undertaking, as outlined in the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

The draft EAs are available for review between August 22, 2005 and September 20, 2005 at Delano Public Library, 140 Bridge Avenue East, and Delano City Hall, 234 2nd Street North, during normal hours of operation. A public meeting will be held to discuss these three proposed FEMA projects in Delano on September 6, 2005 from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Delano City Hall. The draft EA is also available for review online at the FEMA website <u>http://www.fema.gov/ehp/docs.shtm</u>.

Written comments regarding this environmental action should be received no later than 5PM on September 20, 2005, by Jeanne Millin, Regional Environmental Officer, 536 South Clark, 6th Floor, Chicago IL 60605-1521, or at Jeanne.Millin@dhs.gov.

If no comments are received by the above deadline, the draft EA will be considered final and a Finding of No Significant Impact will be published by FEMA.

The public may request a copy of the final environmental documents from Jeanne Millin at the address listed above.