

PUBLIC NOTICE

To the Residents of Vero Beach, Indian River County, Florida and Interested Citizens:

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is conducting an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the construction of an Airport Operations Facility at the Vero Beach Airport.

On September 5, 2004, Hurricane Frances came ashore near the City of Vero Beach (City) on the central east coast of Florida as a Category 2 hurricane. The storm brought heavy rains, and strong winds. Hangar 6 (located at 2570 Airport North Drive), Hangar 7 (located 2560 Airport North Drive) and Hangar 8 (located at 2550 Airport Drive) were all damaged beyond repair by high winds and wind-driven rain. Due to the severity of the damage to the hangars, the City has decided not to rebuild the three hangars, but instead has demolished them and is proposing to build a new Airport Operations Facility on a different location within the Airport property. The proposed building would be approximately 150 feet long by 80 feet wide and located in the southern portion of the Airport property. The building would be built to comply with all applicable Federal, state, and local codes, standards, ordinances and regulations.

The EA is currently in draft form and is available for your review. The Draft EA addresses a number of topics including the feasible alternatives under consideration and environmental impacts of the Proposed Action and alternatives. The Draft EA indicates that there are no significant adverse impacts from the Proposed Action. The public is being invited to comment on the project. If no substantive comments are received following agency and public review, the Draft EA will be considered the Final EA and no additional information will be incorporated.

It is important that we receive your input on the Draft EA to assure that we have addressed the specific issues and concerns that the residents of Vero Beach and Indian River County and the State of Florida believe are important. An information repository has been set up at the following location for you to review the Draft EA:

Vero Beach Main Library
1600 21st Street
Vero Beach, FL 32960

In addition <http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/index.shtm> is the internet location where the document may be viewed online.

You can provide us with comments on the EA by mailing, faxing, or emailing your comments to the following addresses:

Federal Emergency Management Agency
Florida Long Term Recovery Office
FEMA Long-Term Recovery Office
36 Skyline Drive
Lake Mary, Florida 32746
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We will need to receive your comments by Tuesday, November 28, 2006. We look forward to your input.