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**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

Cuyahoga Area Wide Radio System  
Homeland Security Grant Program – Urban Area Security Initiative

Cuyahoga County, Ohio, has applied for funding under the Homeland Security Grant Program – Urban Area Security Initiative (HSGP-UASI) to construct a 299-foot self-support (lattice) communication tower within the previously disturbed Crowne Filtration Plant compound located at 955 Clague Road in the City of Westlake. The tower would provide interoperable communication among first responders within Cuyahoga County in the event of a natural disaster or act of terrorism. The HSGP-UASI is now administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

An Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, the President’s Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] Parts 1500-1508) to implement NEPA, FEMA’s regulations implementing NEPA (44 CFR Part 10), and DHS Management Directive 5100.1 “Environmental Planning Program.” The purpose of the EA was to analyze the potential environmental impacts for the proposed tower project and to determine whether to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

The proposed project as described in the EA was evaluated for potential significant adverse impacts to farmland, water resources, floodplains, air quality, Federally-listed threatened and endangered species and critical habitat, migratory birds, noise, historic properties, cultural resources, public safety, and socioeconomics. The project was coordinated with the US Fish and Wildlife Service, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and the Ohio Historical Society. The results of these evaluations as well as consultations and input from other Federal and state agencies and Tribes are presented in the EA.

**CONDITIONS**

The following conditions were developed to mitigate the potential impacts of this project and must be met as part of this project. Failure to comply with these conditions may jeopardize Federal funds:

1. The grantee is responsible for obtaining and complying with all required local, State and Federal permits and approvals, including those required by the Federal Aviation Administration and the Federal Communications Commission;
2. The grantee will monitor ground disturbance during the construction phase; should human skeletal remains or historic or archaeological materials be discovered during construction, all ground-disturbing activities on the project site

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shall cease and the grantee shall notify the coroner's office (in the case of human remains), FEMA and the Ohio Historical Society immediately.

**FINDING**

Based upon the information provided in the EA, and in accordance with Presidential Executive Orders 12898 (Environmental Justice), 11988 (Floodplain Management), and 11990 (Wetland Protection), FEMA has determined that the proposed action would not have any significant adverse impacts on the quality of the natural and human environment. As a result of this FONSI, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

**APPROVAL**

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