



FEMA

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

BAY-WAVELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT EMERGENCY/FIRE ACCESS ROAD PROJECT HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI FEMA-1604-DR-MS

The Bay-Waveland School District (BWSO) has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funding under FEMA's Public Assistance Program for the proposed construction of a secondary emergency/fire access road in the City of Waveland, Hancock County, Mississippi.

On August 29, 2005 Hurricane Katrina struck the Mississippi Gulf Coast, causing extensive damage. A Presidential Disaster Declaration, FEMA-1604-DR-MS, was signed for Katrina. Hurricane Katrina winds and storm surge damaged the campus of the Lower Bay Elementary School located at 1101 Saint Joseph Street just south of Old Spanish Trail Road.

The Bay Waveland School District has submitted an application for FEMA funding under FEMA's Public Assistance Program being administered in response to FEMA-1604-DR-MS, to construct an alternate emergency/fire access road for the Lower Bay Elementary School. The Proposed action will be to construct a 510 foot long, 20 foot wide emergency access road to provide an alternate fire apparatus access road to the building in case one of the access roads become impaired by vehicle congestion or other factors. The proposed site is located in Flood Zone "X" unshaded which is determined to be outside the 100 and 500-year floodplain.

This proposed project as described in the EA was evaluated for any potential significant adverse impacts to existing land use, water resources (surface water, groundwater, waters of the United States, and floodplains), air quality, noise, biological resources (vegetation, fish and wildlife, State and Federally-listed threatened or endangered species and critical habitat), and cultural resources. It was also evaluated for safety and hazardous materials issues as well as for disproportionately high and adverse effects on minority or low-income populations.

FINDINGS

The proposed project as described in the EA will not impact geology, groundwater, socioeconomic resources, architectural or archeological resources as detailed under the Proposed Action Alternative. During the construction period, short-term impacts to soils, surface water, transportation, air quality, and noise may be present. Any short-term impacts will be mitigated using Best Management Practices (BMP), such as silt fences and proper equipment maintenance.

There are no adverse long-term impacts anticipated from the construction of this project.

CONDITIONS

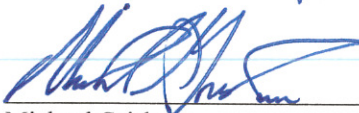
The BWSO shall comply with all prescribed conditions set forth in the EA. Failure to comply with these conditions may jeopardize the receipt of Federal funding.

CONCLUSIONS

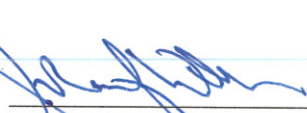
Based on input and consultations with Federal and State resource agencies, and other identified sources documented in the attached EA and in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act FEMA regulations (44 CFR Part 10) for environmental considerations, and executive orders on floodplains (EO 11988), wetlands (EO 11990) and environmental justice (EO 12898), FEMA has found that the proposed project as defined in the EA will have no significant impact on the natural or human environment. As a result of this Finding of No Significant Impact, an EIS will not be prepared and the proposed project with prescribed conditions may proceed. If a change in the scope of work occurs, the State and FEMA must be notified to evaluate if the proposed change would alter the potential impacts on the environment.

Recommended:

Approved:



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Date



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