

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY**  
**University Medical Center**  
**Draft Site-Specific Environmental Assessment**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announces the publication of a draft Site-Specific Environmental Assessment (SEA) addressing the proposed University Medical Center (UMC) in New Orleans, Louisiana. The draft SEA has been prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (Public Law 91-190, 42 USC 4321 et seq.) as amended, its implementing regulations (40 CFR 1500-1508) and FEMA's implementing regulations (44 CFR Part 10).

The draft SEA will be published on Friday, March 12, 2010, which will mark the beginning of a 30-day comment period on the draft SEA. The draft SEA will be available online at [www.lsuamc.com](http://www.lsuamc.com) and also on CD or as a hardcopy at the Main Library at 219 Loyola Avenue (504-529-7323) and at the Mid-City Branch Library at 330 N. Carrollton Avenue (504-596-2654). Please contact the libraries directly to determine their hours of operation. The document is also available on CD or hardcopy by contacting U.S. Risk Management, LLC at 504-561-6563.

The draft SEA, as required by law, analyzes the potential for environmental impacts to resources such as aesthetics, floodplains, and transportation. The purpose of the draft SEA is to provide the public with the information required to understand and evaluate the proposed UMC and provide their input to the decision-making process. Substantive comments received will be addressed in the final SEA. After the conclusion of the public comment period and evaluation of substantive comments, a Finding of No Significant Impact or a Notice of Intent to conduct an Environmental Impact Statement will be issued, as appropriate.

A public meeting will be held on March 23rd to receive public comments in accordance with NEPA and Executive Order 11988. The meeting will be held from 6:30-9:00 pm at Grace Episcopal Church, 3700 Canal Street in New Orleans. At this public meeting, comments regarding the draft UMC SEA may be submitted orally or in writing. Information about the proposed UMC project is available at [www.lsuamc.com](http://www.lsuamc.com).

All public comments are due no later than Monday, April 12, 2010. Written comments can be submitted electronically at <http://www.lsuamc.com> or by mail to:

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