

**Department of Homeland Security-Federal Emergency Management
Agency**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of the Availability of the Environmental Assessment

Construction of a Horizon Security Monitoring and Surveillance Facility

Puerto Nuevo Port Complex, San Juan, Puerto Rico

2008-GB-T8-0150 Part 4 (12030)

Notification is hereby given to the public of the intent of the Department of Homeland Security-Federal Emergency Management Agency (DHS-FEMA) to provide federal funding through the Puerto Rico Ports Authority as Grantee to the Horizon Lines de Puerto Rico, Inc. (HLPR), the Subgrantee, for the construction of a new Security Monitoring and Surveillance Facility at the Subgrantee's facilities located in the Puerto Nuevo Port Complex, San Juan, Puerto Rico. The proposed project would be funded through the Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) under the authority of the *Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002*, as amended (46 U.S.C. §70107) and it is consistent with the SAFE Port Act (Public Law 109-347) and the HLPR Facility Security Plan requirements.

The proposed action would involve engineering and design, construction and equipping of a new concrete building with a 35' x 25' footprint, an above-ground septic tank, portable water tank, fence, security features and building equipment, as well as other utilities. The new monitoring and surveillance structure would be located adjacent to the existing undersized facility with the same function and also next to the Subgrantee's offices in the Puerto Nuevo Port Complex. The proposed facility would be located within the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), also referred to as the 100-yr floodplain. The lowest floor of the structure would be elevated at/above the BFE to reduce risk of future flood damage. There were no practicable site alternatives outside of the SFHA.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), an Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared to assess the potential impacts of the proposed action on the human environment. This includes a Programmatic EA that addresses general environmental analysis of DHS-FEMA Grants Program Directorate grant projects, and a tiered EA that specifically addresses this project. The tiered EA summarizes the project's purpose and need, project alternatives, the affected environment, and potential environmental consequences for considered alternatives. DHS-FEMA's requirement of addressing floodplain management in accordance with 44 CFR Part 9 is incorporated with the tiered EA. The PEA and EA are available for public comment and can be viewed and downloaded from DHS-FEMA's website at: www.fema.gov/environmental-planning-and-historic-preservation-program/nationwide-

programmatic-environmental (PEA) and via project title search through the FEMA library at: [FEMA library website \(www.fema.gov/resource-document-library\)](http://www.fema.gov/resource-document-library) (Tiered EA). The tiered EA is available on the Puerto Rico Ports Authority website at: [Puerto Rico Ports Authority Website \(http://www.prpa.gobierno.pr\)](http://www.prpa.gobierno.pr). A hard copy can also be viewed at the following location:

Puerto Rico Ports Authority
Engineering Building, 2nd Floor
64 Lindbergh Street
Isla Grande, San Juan, PR 00907

The comment period will end 15 days from the date of this legal notice publication. Written comments on the EA can be mailed or emailed to the contact below. If no substantive comments are received, the EA will become final and a Finding of No Significant Impact will be signed. Substantive comments will be addressed as appropriate in the final NEPA documentation. Contact: DHS-FEMA Region II, Mitigation Division - EHP, Floor 13, 26 Federal Plaza, NY, NY 10278-0002 or via email at FEMAR2COMMENT@fema.dhs.gov.