

Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in the 500-year Floodplain

To: All Interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice of the City of New Orleans Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) proposed activity within a 500-year Floodplain. CNO-HANO has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Orders 11988 and 11990 in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 to determine the potential affect that its activity in the floodplain will have on the environment.

The CNO-HANO is proposing to utilize United State Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) capital funds to remove and replace three backup power generators at the Guste High Rise building located at 1301 Simon Bolivar Avenue. coordinates for the site are Latitude (29.9442135) and Longitude (-90.0835622).

The CNO-HANO has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural beneficial values: (1) Alternative site locations outside of the floodplain were considered, (2) Elevation of the existing platforms to higher standards was considered (3) All construction activities must conform to the local floodplain and building requirements.

The CNO-HANO has reevaluated the alternatives to building in the floodplain and has determined that it has no practicable alternative. Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of Executive Order 11988, are available for public inspection, review and copying upon request at the times and location delineated in the last paragraph of this notice for receipt of comments.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by CNO at the following address on or before August 29, 2024, City of New Orleans – Office of Community Development, 1340 Poydras Street – Suite 917, New Orleans, LA 70112 Attn: Craig Foundas – Director of Environmental Compliance. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm at 1340 Poydras Street – Suite 920, New Orleans, LA 70112. Comments may also be submitted via email at cafoundas@cityofno.com.

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