

## Sample Floodplain and Wetland Notice of Explanation Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain

To: All interested Agencies [include all Federal, State, and Local], Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that the [Responsible Entity] under 24 CFR Part 58 has conducted an evaluation as required by [Executive Order 11988 and/or 11990], in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management, to determine the potential affect that its project in the floodplain and wetland will have on the human environment for [Project Name] under [grant contract number]. The proposed project is located [at address] in [Name of City], [Name of County]. [Describe the activity, e.g. purpose, type of assistance, the size of the site, proposed number of units, size of footprint, type of floodplain, natural values].

[Responsible Entity] has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values: [and reasons for non-selection, all mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values] [Cite the date of FEMA map] [Acknowledge compliance with state and local floodplain protection procedures]

[Responsible Entity] has re-evaluated 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 and/or 11990], 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. This activity will have no significant impact on the environment for the following reasons:

[Give reasons why there is no significant impact]

Written comments must be received by the [Responsible Entity] at the following address on or before [month, day, year] [a minimum 15 calendar day comment period will begin the day after the publication and end on the 16<sup>th</sup> day after the publication]: [Responsible Entity], [Address] and [phone number], Attention: [Name of Certifying Officer], [Title], during the hours of (business hours). Comments may also be submitted via email at [email address].

Date:

**NOTE:** 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 about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks 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.