

PUBLIC NOTICE
Federal Emergency Management Agency
In accordance with 44 CFR §9.8 for Executive Order 11988
Proposed Generator Installation
Town of Wallkill, Orange County, New York

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 to the Town of Wallkill as subrecipient for the proposed generator installations project in Orange County through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). The purpose of HMGP is for communities to develop hazard mitigation plans and rebuild in a way that reduces, or mitigates, future disaster losses. This notification is given in accordance with Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management), 44 CFR Part 9, regulations for implementing EO 11988, and the National Historic Preservation Act.

The proposed project is for a generator installation to support Kosuga Well Field (41.431432, -74.37511). The scope of work consists of demolition and excavation of the existing controls building which currently houses the electrical, controls, and SCADA system that will be relocated to the existing generator building. This also includes construction of a new concrete pad and enclosure and installation of the new generator. All elements will be raised above the Base Flood Elevation (BFE).

This action would take place within the 100-year floodplain. Alternatives considered include: 1) replacement of current generator, 2) no action or, 3) the proposed alternative, which is the installation of a generator and all other necessary equipment to prepare Kosuga Well Field for potential outages. FEMA has determined that the proposed project is the most practicable alternative to ensure that this facility can remain in continuous operation. FEMA has also determined that investment of funds to enhance the continuous operational capacity of this facility is in the public interest. Potential floodplain impacts are anticipated to be temporary during construction and minimized through best management practices and conservation measures incorporated from resource agency recommendations and required regulatory permits.

Comments about this project, potential alternatives, and floodplain impacts may be submitted in writing within 15 days of the date of this publication to: U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency – Region 2 – Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation, Mitigation Division, One World Trade Center, Suite 53, New York, NY 10007 or via email to FEMAR2COMMENT@fema.dhs.gov. If substantive comments are received, FEMA will evaluate and address the comments as part of the environmental documentation for this project.