

NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF ACTION LOCATED WITHIN FLOODPLAIN

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TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

A notice appeared in this newspaper on October 31, 2005, inviting participation in the floodplain management decision-making process. Specifically, we invited comments regarding a program being proposed by the City of New Britain.

PROJECT: Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program
GRANT NUMBER: CTLHB0294-05
AWARD AMOUNT: \$3,000,000
GRANT PERIOD: 11/1/05-10/31/08

PURPOSE: The proposed program would involve community outreach and education, testing and funding for property owners for the abatement of lead-based paint surfaces in residential properties occupied by low- and moderate-income persons.

LOCATION: The City of New Britain city limits.

The City of New Britain completed an evaluation concerning potential impacts on the floodplain and possible alternative actions. The proposed program could involve projects located within a 100-year floodplain. The conclusion was that there is no practicable alternative to the possibility of potential projects being located within the following Flood Zones A, A0, AH, AE A99, V and VE. It has been determined that the program must occur within the intended target area/areas, as described above.

The alternatives considered included: 1) Funding the proposed program in other areas of the jurisdiction; 2) relocation of housing units and families; 3) no action.

These alternatives were rejected for the following reasons: 1) the greatest need for the intended program was found to be in the designated target area/areas and those units/families in need of the housing services exist in all areas of the target area/areas; 2) it is cost prohibitive and not feasible to physically move or raise structures out of the floodplain; 3) a no action alternative would certainly not serve to maintain affordable, safe (from lead-based paint hazards) housing for families.

In order to minimize risk and potential loss (to life, health and financial investment), owners and tenants will be notified that their units are located in the floodplain and flood insurance will be a required contingency to participation in the grant program. The amount and period of coverage will conform to the National Flood Insurance Program requirements.

An Environmental Review Record (ERR) respecting the subject program has been made by the above-named jurisdiction which documents floodplain information and contains a full description of the proposed actions. The ERR is on file at the address listed above and is available for public examination and copying upon request between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Final approval of the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program will not be made until/unless interested groups, individuals or agencies have had an opportunity to comment. Comments will be accepted by Margaret Malinowski at the address listed above until November 21, 2005.

Information regarding the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's regulations concerning floodplain management may be obtained by contacting: Karen Choi, Environmental Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 611 West Sixth Street, Suite 800, Los Angeles, CA 90017 (213)534-2458 (this is not a toll-free number).