

## FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received the subgrant application for Okeechobee Utility Authority for repairs to a liquid ammonia tank damaged in Hurricane Ian (DR-4673-FL PW 00104 PN 694082). Pursuant to Executive Order 11988 and 44 CFR Part 9.12, final notice is hereby given of FEMA's intent to provide funding for projects under the Public Assistance (PA) Program.

An initial disaster-wide Public Notice was published October 6, 2022, for Hurricane Ian. Comments and other information received were fully evaluated by FEMA along with evaluation of social, economic, environmental, and safety considerations. This notice serves as a project-specific final notice for FEMA's funding action located within the floodplain.

Funding for the proposed project will be conditional upon compliance with all applicable federal, tribal, state and local laws, regulations, floodplain standards, permit requirements and conditions. This action complies with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requirements.

- Responsible Entity:** FEMA Public Assistance (PA) Program
- Applicant:** Okeechobee Utility Authority
- Project Title(s):** PA-04-FL-4673-PW-00104 PN 694082, Okeechobee Utility Authority Surface Water Treatment Plant Liquid Ammonia Tank
- Location of Proposed Work:** 371 Highway 78 W, Okeechobee, Florida 34974 (GPS Coordinates: 27.19752, -80.83316)
- Floodplain:** Project is located in the Shaded X Zone, otherwise known as the 500-year floodplain or 0.2% chance floodplain, per Okeechobee County FIRM Panel Number 12043C0100D, dated 03/06/2020.
- Proposed Work and Purpose:** The Okeechobee Utility Authority repaired a liquid ammonia storage tank to restore this structure back to pre-disaster condition. The work included emptying the tank, repairing the pipe and pressure gauge attachment, and then refilling the tank at the water treatment plant.
- Project Alternatives:** The alternative that has been considered is the no action alternative. This alternative is not feasible as the tank is part of a larger critical facility that must remain in service to protect the health and safety of the community. The no action alternative is not feasible because forgoing work would also adversely impact the health and safety of the community.
- Comments:** This will serve as the final public notice regarding the above-described action funded by the FEMA PA program. Interested persons may submit comments, questions, or request a map of this specific project by writing to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region 4, 3005 Chamblee-Tucker Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30341, or by emailing [FEMA-R4EHP-FLORIDA@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-R4EHP-FLORIDA@fema.dhs.gov). Comments should be sent in writing with the subject line, "FL-4673-PW-00104 PN 694082, Okeechobee Utility Authority" at the above address within 15 days of the date of this notice.