

# **FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE**

Central Alabama Electric Cooperative has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) Program funding through Alabama Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) as a sub-recipient.

Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), federal actions must be reviewed and evaluated for feasible alternatives and for social, economic, historic, environmental, legal, and safety considerations. Under Executive Order (EO) 11988 and EO 11990, FEMA is required to consider alternatives, and to provide a public notice of any proposed actions in or affecting floodplains or wetlands. EO 12898 also requires FEMA to provide the opportunity for public participation in the planning process and to consider potential impacts to minority and low-income populations. This notice may also fulfill requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

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.

**Sub-Applicant:** Central Alabama Electric Cooperative

**Project Title:** System-wide Power Distribution, Transmission, Associated Components, and Communication Fiber; PA-04-AL-4573-PW-00239 (PA-GM 170963)

**Location of Proposed Work:**

Facility	Address	Latitude	Longitude	Date of Construction
GFL Environmental C&D Landfill	1761 Hunter Loop Road, Montgomery, AL 36111	30.7855	-86.1211	Unknown

**Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:**

This project is for the final disposal of damaged power poles in the GFL Environmental C&D Landfill. The project is located within an AE Flood Zone. Confirmation of location in an AE Flood Zone was determined by the Montgomery County Effective Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel Number 01101C0068J, dated 01/07/2015. The proposed work conforms to all applicable State of Alabama and local floodplain regulations. There is a potential for the facility to be impacted by future flooding events due to its location within the AE Zone. The proposed work will not take place in designated wetlands, per review of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory.

**Proposed Work and Purpose:**

Central Alabama Electric Cooperative plans to restore the power poles using best construction practices, replacing 478 wooden power poles, 115 transformers, 241 cross arms, 416 arresters, 144,001 feet of wire, 95,250 feet of fiber optic cables, and various replace small components. The purpose of this action is to restore the facilities to pre-disaster condition for design, function, and capacity (in-kind) within the existing footprint.

**Project Alternatives:**

**Alternative #1** (No Action): The 'no action' alternative would ultimately result in a negative impact to the natural environment and the local community. Improper disposal of the damaged poles may be in violation of state and federal regulations.

**Alternative #2** (Relocation): The relocation alternative to move the landfill and repair the floodplain is not financially and socially practical and would ultimately result in a disruption in waste disposal services currently provided to the local community.

Alternative #3 (Alternate Disposal) The 'alternate disposal' alternative, to transport the poles in a different landfill or incineration facility, is not a practical or financially viable alternative as this C & D landfill is permitted by ADEM to accept and properly manage the damaged poles without impact to the floodplain.

**Comment Period:**

Comments are solicited from the public; local, state or federal agencies, and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed project. The comments should be made in writing and addressed to:

FEMA Internal EO 11988 Reviewer  
FEMA Region 4  
3005 Chamblee-Tucker Road  
Atlanta, Georgia, 30341

Alternatively, comments may be emailed to: [FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov). Please send comments with the subject line [DR-4573-AL-00239 EO 11988 COMMENT].

All comments are due by no later than 30 days of the posted date of this notice.

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