

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Federal Emergency Management Agency**  
**In accordance with 44 CFR §9.8 for Executive Orders 11988 & 11990**  
**Philadelphia Water Department Northeast Effluent Pump Station Mitigation**  
**EMP-2022-BR-005-0008**  
**City of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, PA**

Notification is hereby given to the public of the intent of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to provide federal funding through the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) to the Philadelphia Water Department, as subrecipients of the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Grant Program. The purpose of the BRIC grant program is to support states, local communities, tribes and territories as they undertake hazard mitigation projects, reducing the risks they face from disasters and natural hazards. This notification is given in accordance with Executive Order (EO) 11988 (Floodplain Management), Executive Order (EO) 11990 (Protection of Wetlands) and 44 CFR Part 9, regulations for implementing EO 11988-11990.

The proposed action is for the design and construction of an effluent pump station for the Northeast Water Pollution Control Plant. The pump station will be constructed in a grassy area and adjacent to existing water control facilities on North Delaware Avenue (Coordinates: 39.986184, -75.078433). An additional asphalt drive adjacent to the structure will be constructed to connect the new station with the preexisting asphalt road that runs along the south side of the property. The creation of this pump station will also include the partial reclamation of the sludge lagoon to the northeast of the existing facility. This proposed section of the lagoon to be reclaimed will be approximately 465 feet long by 200 feet wide. New utility pipes connecting the pump station to the excavated section of the lagoon will be installed in utility trenches approximately 400 feet along the pre-existing asphalt roadway at the southern part of the facility. All work would be within the fence line of the existing facility.

This proposed action takes place in a Special Flood Hazard Area (100 year and 500 year flood zones) and federally designated wetlands (classified as a freshwater forested/shrub wetland). This facility is susceptible to flooding and storm induced erosion, and its construction will convert or degrade existing wetlands. Under the President's Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, FEMA is required to review opportunities to relocate the facility out of the floodplain or to minimize future damage from flooding. Public comment is invited on possible alternatives to this action and methods to protect the facility.

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 11988 Reviewer  
FEMA Region 3  
One Independence Mall  
615 Chestnut Street, 6th floor  
Philadelphia, PA 19106-4404

Alternatively, comments may be emailed to: [fema-r3-ehp-publiccomment@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:fema-r3-ehp-publiccomment@fema.dhs.gov). Please send comments with the subject line: EMP-2022-BR-005-0008 EO 11988/11990 COMMENT].

All comments are due by no later than 15 days of the posted date of this notice. This public notice will also serve as the final public notice provided there are no significant questions or concerns regarding this project.