

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received the subgrant application for University of Miami repairs due to damages in Hurricane Irma (DR-4337-FL PW 07292). Pursuant to Executive Order 11988 and 44 CFR Part 9.12, final notice is hereby given of FEMA's intent to provide funding for this project under the Public Assistance (PA) Program.

An initial disaster-wide Public Notice was published October 06, 2017 for Hurricane Irma. 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:** University of Miami
- Project Title(s):** PA-04-FL-4337-PW-07292; 35411 - RSMAS – Piers
- Location of Proposed Work:** 4600 Rickenbacker Causeway, Miami, Florida 33149, (25.73211, -80.16221).
- Floodplain:** Project is located in the VE Zone, per Miami-Dade County FIRM Panels 12086C01481L dated, 09/11/2009.
- Proposed Work and Purpose:** University of Miami proposes to make repairs to the saltwater intake structure with screens and has already completed repairs to docks at the Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science campus, as a result of Hurricane Irma. In order to protect against and lessen the impact of future similar events the Applicant will increase the thickness of the precast concrete panels on the intake box from 8 inch to 12 inches, increase the number of bolted connections to the pier beams, add stainless steel to further secure the intake lines, and use steel rebar for additional corrosion resistant, as part of the 406 hazard mitigation plan.
- Project Alternatives:** The alternative that has been considered is the no action alternative. This alternative is not feasible as the saltwater intake structure and docks at the Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science are functionally dependent on their location in the floodplain. Additionally, the saltwater intake system provides the academic and research facility with the saltwater vital to its programs, and the docks provide access to the ocean.
- 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, 3003 Chamblee-Tucker Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30341, or by emailing FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov. Comments should be sent in writing with the subject line FL-4337-PW-07292, University of Miami at the above address within 15 days of the date of this notice.