

## **Notice of Availability of a Final Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Finding of No Significant Impact for Construction of Remote Fixed Facility (RFF) Montauk, Suffolk County, New York**

The U.S. Coast Guard (Coast Guard) has prepared a Final Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) that evaluated the potential environmental impacts resulting from the construction of a remote fixed facility (RFF) communications tower and associated equipment, near the Town of East Hampton's Recycling Center/Montauk Transfer Station in East Hampton, Suffolk County, New York.

The Coast Guard proposes to construct a 170-foot-tall, three-sided, self-supported, steel lattice communications tower with a direction finding (DF) antenna mounted on top. The addition of a DF antenna, mounting pole, and lightning rod would increase the total height of the tower and added appurtenances to approximately 181 feet above ground level. The proposed tower would be enclosed by a new 55-foot by 115-foot fenced compound. Associated equipment within the compound would include a prefabricated equipment shelter that would be no more than 15 feet by 24 feet, a 20-kilowatt (kW) emergency generator on a concrete slab, and one 500-gallon above ground propane tank.

This notice announces the availability of the Final SEA and FONSI. The Final SEA and FONSI can be reviewed at the Montauk Public Library, 815 Montauk Highway, Montauk, New York, 11954. The Final SEA and FONSI are also available for review at the Coast Guard Rescue 21 website: <http://uscg.mil/rescue21>. Persons wishing to receive either a CD or printed copy of the Final SEA and FONSI should contact: Mr. Thomas A. Tansey (11-1504) via regular mail at COMMANDANT (G-AND), Environmental Program Manager, Rescue 21 Program, U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 2<sup>nd</sup> Street SW, Washington D.C., 20593; via electronic mail [Thomas.A.Tansey@uscg.mil](mailto:Thomas.A.Tansey@uscg.mil); or via telephone at (202) 475-3293.

The Final SEA has been prepared to describe the Proposed Action and the No Action Alternative; describe the natural, cultural, and socioeconomic resources located in the project area; evaluate the potential impacts of the alternatives on natural, cultural, and socioeconomic resources; and address agency and public comments received on the project. Based on the Final SEA, the Coast Guard has determined that construction of RFF Montauk will have no significant effect on the human environment. The SEA and FONSI have been prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations implementing NEPA (Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] Parts 1500 through 1508), and the U.S. Coast Guard's policy guidelines for implementing NEPA, Management Directive (MD) 5100.1, Environmental Planning Program.