

Notice of Availability
Draft Environmental Assessment for the
Santa Clara Pueblo Advance Measures Project
Pueblo of Santa Clara, New Mexico

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Albuquerque District, has completed the Draft **Environmental Assessment for the Santa Clara Pueblo Advance Measures Project, Pueblo of Santa Clara, New Mexico (DEA)**. The Albuquerque District Commander made the determination that this project warranted emergency measures. Because this was considered an emergency, then National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations may be followed and completed after construction implementation. Therefore, this FONSI has been completed after project implementation has begun.

Temporary emergency measures were required to reduce flood risk from the extreme sediment load and flood flows on the Pueblo of Santa Clara. New Mexico's flood season is July-September during which intense rainfall from large thunderstorms causes flash floods. Therefore, to mitigate life safety risk at the Pueblo in advance of the next flood season, a set of emergency measures were implemented by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). USACE has the authority for emergency construction to reduce flood risk via Public Law 84-99 and advance measures. Through these advance measures, USACE implemented sediment removal, bank protection, and the construction of three gabion check structures along Santa Clara Creek in 2014 and 2015. The approximate federal cost of these projects was \$8.2 million.

Public review of the DEA shall occur from October 19 – November 19, 2015. The DEA is electronically available for viewing and copying at the Albuquerque District website (under "Environmental Assessments/FONSI") at:

<http://www.spa.usace.army.mil/Missions/Environmental/EnvironmentalComplianceDocuments/EnvironmentalAssessmentsFONSI.aspx>

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