

## **Notice of Availability of Draft EA**

The U.S. Border Patrol has prepared a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) in accordance with the National Environmental Protection Act. The EA, noted immediately below, is being made available to governmental agencies and other interested parties.

### **Rio Grande Valley US Border Patrol Sector Headquarters, Edinburg, Texas Environmental Assessment**

The Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agency is preparing an environmental analysis to construct a U.S. Border Patrol (USBP) sector headquarters facility in the Rio Grande Valley. This Environmental Assessment was prepared to analyze alternatives and address their potential project impacts to the environment. The project consists of construction of a new office complex to replace the McAllen Sector Headquarters. Current and future missions of the CBP and the USBP require an increase in personnel and a facility complex that will support buildings for Administrative Services, Management, Enforcement, a dog kennel and an exercise facility.

A Copy of the draft EA is available for review at the Edinburg Public Library (401 East Cano, Edinburg, Tx), or can be downloaded from the US Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston District website at <http://www.swg.usace.army.mil/pe-p/Edinburg/>. Copies are also available from, and comments should be submitted to, Ms. Carolyn Murphy, Chief, Environmental Section (PE-PR), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 2000 Fort Point Road, Galveston, Texas 77553 (carolyn.e.murphy@swg02.usace.army.mil). Comments should be submitted by **December 19, 2003**.