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# Record of Environmental Consideration

See 44 Code of Federal Regulation Part 10	

Project Name/Number: Gordon Elementary School / PW#14911 FIPS#033-UA9M2-00 **Project Location:** 6101 Chatham drive, New Orleans, LA 70122 Latitude: 30.02055, Longitude: -90.07284 **Project Description:** Heavy rains and high winds from Hurricane Katrina (DR-1603) caused significant exterior and interior damage to Gordon Elementary School of Orleans Parish School Board. This pw reimburses the eligible applicant for repair and/or removal/replacement of doors/frames, sediment, staircase, exterior/aluminum curtain wall, lavatory amenities, windows/screens, air conditioners, heat furnace, vinyl tile flooring, fans, duct work, sound system components, chalkboards, lights, wood paneling, electrical paneling/wires, fascia, bookshelf/cabinets, and wall/floor tiles. Cleaning activities, such as pressure washing are also associated with this project. Hazard mitigation will be achieved through a proposal to elevate the (12) central a/c units located on campus to a height of five feet above existing ground. All work will be performed in a previously disturbed area with no indication of nearby waterways or other bodies of water. **Documentation Requirements** (Short version) All consultation and agreements implemented to comply with the National Historic Preservation Act, Endangered Species Act, and Executive Orders 11988, 11990 and 12898 are completed and no other laws apply. (Review Concluded) (Long version) All applicable laws and executive orders were reviewed. Additional information for compliance is attached to this REC and/or included in project files, as applicable. National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Determination Statutorily excluded from NEPA review. (Review Concluded) Programmatic Categorical Exclusion - Category (Reference PCE in comments) (Review Concluded) Categorical Exclusion - Category No Extraordinary Circumstances exist. Are project conditions required? Yes (see section V) No (Review Concluded) Extraordinary Circumstances exist (See Section IV). Extraordinary Circumstances mitigated. (See Section IV comments) Are project conditions required? Yes (see section V) No (Review Concluded) **Environmental Assessment** Supplemental Environmental Assessment (Reference EA or PEA in comments) **Environmental Impact Statement** Comments: This project meets the criteria for the alternative arrangement, permanent school, type of project. This project has conditions and requires mitigation under the other EHP laws. Reviewer and Approvals Project is Non-Compliant (See attached documentation justifying selection). **FEMA Environmental Reviewer:** Name: Adam Borgien, FEMA- Environmental Specialist Date 1-5-07

Signature

Name: Howard R. Bush, Environmental Liason Officer

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#### FEMA Regional Environmental Officer or Delegated Approving Official:

Signature Date 1.5.07

## I. Compliance Review for Environmental Laws (other than NEPA)

A. National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA)
☐ Not type of activity with potential to affect historic properties.
Activity meets Programmatic Agreement, December 3, 2004. Appendix A: II-D1, II-A2, II-A4, II-C1, II-B1, II-H, II-B2
Are project conditions required? X Yes (see Section V) No
Programmatic Agreement not applicable, must conduct standard Section 106 Review.
HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES
No historic properties that are listed or 45/50 years or older in project area. (Review Concluded)
Building or structure listed or 45/50 years or older in project area and activity not exempt from review.
Determination of No Historic Properties Affected (FEMA finding/SHPO/THPO concurrence on file)
Are project conditions required? Yes (see Section V) No (Review Concluded)
☐ Determination of Historic Properties Affected (FEMA finding/SHPO/THPO concurrence on file)
Property a National Historic Landmark and National Park Service was provided early notification
during the consultation process. If not, explain in comments
☐ No Adverse Effect Determination (FEMA finding/SHPO/THPO concurrence on file).
Are project conditions required? Yes (see Section V) No (Review Concluded)
Adverse Effect Determination (FEMA finding/SHPO/THPO concurrence on file)
Resolution of Adverse Effect completed. (MOA on file)
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Comments: Cleaning of historic building materials, systems and finishes must be executed in accord with the guidance contained in the U.S. Department of the Interior, NPS, Preservation Brief No. 6, dangers of abrasive cleaning to historic buildings, (see http://www.cr.nps.gov/hps/tps/briefs/brief06.htm). Requirements include: identification of materials to be cleaned, protection of materials not to be cleaned, identification of gentlest means of cleaning possible and testing of cleaning means and methods. Work is to be executed by qualified workers, with documented successful experience working

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with historic building materials. Abrasive methods of cleaning are prohibited including: power washing, pressure washing and blasting, unless under the supervision of a qualified building conservator or historical architect. Washing with potable water, non-ionic detergent, scrubbing with natural bristle brushes and rinsing with potable water is acceptable for most historic building materials. Other methods may be acceptable when specified by a qualified historical architect (36cfr part 61). Failure to comply with these stipulations may jeopardize receipt of FEMA funding.

-FEMA'S Programmatic Agreement (PA), dated December 3, 2004, provides for expedited project review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). The scope of work as submitted in this PW has been reviewed and meets the criteria outlined in Appendix A, programmatic allowances, section { II-A2, II-B1, II-D1, II-C1, II-B2, II-H, II-D2}, of the document. In accordance with the PA, FEMA is not required to determine the National Register eligibility of properties or to submit projects to the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) for review where the work performed meets these allowances. In keeping with the stipulations of the PA, all proposed repair activities should be done in-kind to match existing materials and form. Any change to the approved scope of work will require resubmission for re-evaluation under Section 106 and consultation with the SHPO. Non-compliance may jeopardize the receipt of federal funding. This concludes the Section 106 review for this project.

Correspondence/Consultation/References: NHPA effect determinations made by Valerie Gomez, FEMA Historic Preservation Specialist.

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B. Endangered Species Act
No listed species and/or designated critical habitat present in areas affected directly or indirectly by the Federal action.
(Review Concluded)
Listed species and/or designated critical habitat present in the areas affected directly or indirectly by the Federal action.
☐ No effect to species or designated critical habitat. (See comments for justification)
Are project conditions required?  Yes (see Section V)  No (Review Concluded)
May affect, but not likely to adversely affect species or designated critical habitat (FEMA
determination/USFWS/NMFS concurrence on file) (Review Concluded)
Are project conditions required?
Likely to adversely affect species or designated critical habitat
Formal consultation concluded. (Biological Assessment and Biological Opinion on file)
Are project conditions required?  YES (see Section V) NO (Review Concluded)
Comments: Project is located in an urban or previously developed area. Neither listed species nor their habitat occur in or
near this site, thus FEMA finds there will be no effect to threatened or endangered species.
Correspondence/Consultation/References: USFWS emergency consultation provisions determined in letters dated
September 15, 2005 for Katrina.
C. Coastal Barrier Resources Act
Project is not on or connected to CBRA Unit or Otherwise Protected Area (Review Concluded).
Project is on or connected to CBRA Unit or Otherwise Protected Area. (FEMA determination/USFWS consultation on file)
Proposed action an exception under Section 3505.a.6 (Review Concluded)
Proposed action not excepted under Section 3505.a.6.
Are project conditions required? YES (see Section V) NO (Review Concluded)
The project conditions required: 125 (see Section 7) 170 (Review Contention)
Comments: Project is not within a CBRA zone.
Correspondence/Consultation/References: Louisiana Coastal Barrier Resource System Maps referenced 01/05/07.
D. Clean Water Act
Project would not affect any waters of the U.S. (Review Concluded)
Project would affect waters, including wetlands, of the U.S.
Project exempted as in kind replacement or other exemption. (Review Concluded)
Project requires Section 404/401/or Section 9/10 (Rivers and Harbors Act) permit, including qualification
under Nationwide Permits.
Are project conditions required? YES (see Section V) NO (Review Concluded)
Comments: No jurisdictional waters of the U.S., including wetlands, occur in or near the project area.

H. Farmland Protection Policy Act

Project does not affect designated prime or unique farmland. (Review Concluded)	
Project causes unnecessary or irreversible conversion of designated prime or unique farmland.	
Coordination with Natural Resource Conservation Commission required.	
Farmland Conversion Impact Rating, Form AD-1006, completed.	
Are project conditions required? YES (see section V) NO (Review Conclu	ıded)

Correspondence/Consultation/References: National Resource Conservation Service, Web Soil Survey (http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/)referenced 01/05/07.
I. Migratory Bird Treaty Act  ☐ Project not located within a flyway zone. (Review Concluded)  ☐ Project located within a flyway zone.  ☐ Project does not have potential to take migratory birds. (Review Concluded)  ☐ Are project conditions required? ☐ Yes (see section V) ☐ No (Review Concluded)  ☐ Project has potential to take migratory birds.  ☐ Contact made with USFWS  ☐ Are project conditions required? ☐ YES (see section V) ☐ NO (Review Concluded)
Comments: The site is an existing disturbed area with little value to migratory birds and would not be included in the USFWS migratory bird management program.
Correspondence/Consultation/References: USFWS guidance letter dated September 15, 2005 for Katrina
J. Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act    Project not located in or near Essential Fish Habitat. (Review Concluded)   Project located in or near Essential Fish Habitat.   Project does not adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat. (Review Concluded)   Are project conditions required?   Yes (see Section V)   No (Review Concluded)   Project adversely affects Essential Fish Habitat (FEMA determination/USFWS/NMFS concurrence on file)   NOAA Fisheries provided no recommendation(s) (Review Concluded).   Are project conditions required?   Yes (see Section V)   No (Review Concluded)   NOAA Fisheries provided recommendation(s)   Written reply to NOAA Fisheries recommendations completed.   Are project conditions required?   YES (see Section V)   NO (Review Concluded)
Comments: Project is not located in or near any surface waters with the potential to affect EFH species.  Correspondence/Consultation/References: Louisiana Map (http://wwwlamap.doa.louisiana.gov/) referenced 07/26/06.
<ul> <li>K. Wild and Scenic Rivers Act</li> <li> ☐ Project is not along and does not affect Wild or Scenic River (WSR) - (Review Concluded)</li> <li>☐ Project is along or affects WSR</li> <li>☐ Project adversely affects WSR as determined by NPS/USFS. FEMA cannot fund the action.  (NPS/USFS/USFWS/BLM consultation on file) (Review Concluded)</li> <li>☐ Project does not adversely affect WSR. (NPS/USFS/USFWS/BLM consultation on file)</li> <li>Are project conditions required? ☐ YES (see Section V) ☐ NO (Review Concluded)</li> </ul>
Comments: None Correspondence/Consultation/References: National Wild and Scenic Rivers <a href="http://www.nps.gov/rivers/wildriverslist.html">http://www.nps.gov/rivers/wildriverslist.html</a> referenced 01/05/07.

# L. Other Relevant Laws and Environmental Regulations

State Hazardous Materials and Solid Waste Laws

Comments: - In accordance with the Formosan Termite Initiative Act, (LA R.S. 3:3391.1 thru 3391.13) the Louisiana parishes of Calcasieu, Cameron, Jefferson Davis, Orleans, Jefferson, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa and Washington are under quarantine. The movement of wood or cellulose material, temporary housing or architectural components (e.g. beams, doors and other wood salvaged from a structure) may not leave the quarantined parishes without written authorization from the commissioner of the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and forestry or his designee(s).

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- Removal and disposal of debris containing household hazardous waste and certain categories of liquid wastes must be performed in accordance with all applicable federal and state laws, regulations, executive orders and guidelines. LAC title 33 part VII requires that specified items, including lead acid batteries, used oil filters, used motor oil, scrap tires, cfc's (refrigerants), radioactive waste or regulated infectious wastes must be segregated from and excluded from non-hazardous debris collection, staging, processing and disposal sites. Failure to comply with applicable legal requirements in debris collection and/or disposal operations will jeopardize federal funding. The clean-up or restoration/repair of sites damaged as a result of such operations are ineligible for federal funding. Previously obligated funding is subject to de-obligation if a determination of ineligibility is made.

-Mercury containing devices - this project potentially involves the disposal of metallic mercury containing electronic devices. The applicant is responsible for ensuring that these devices are recovered, recycled, reused or sequestered in accordance with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) "Declaration of Emergency; Mercury-Containing Devices and Electronic Equipment as Universal Waste" letter dated October 3, 2005.

# **II. Compliance Review for Executive Orders**

A. E.O. 11988 - Floodplains  No Effect on Floodplains/Flood levels and project outside Floodplain - (Review Concluded)  Located in Floodplain or Effects on Floodplains/Flood levels  No adverse effect on floodplain and not adversely affected by the floodplain. (Review Concluded),  Are project conditions required? Yes (see Section V) No (Review Concluded)  Beneficial Effect on Floodplain Occupancy/Values (Review Concluded).  Possible adverse effects associated with investment in floodplain, occupancy or modification of floodplain environment  8 Step Process Complete - documentation on file  Are project conditions required? YES (see Section V) NO (Review Concluded)
Comments: The site is located in Zone A5. http://store.msc.fema.gov/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/FemaWelcomeView?storeId=10001&catalogId=10001&langId=-1,
The city of New Orleans/Orleans Parish enrolled in the National Flood Insurance Program 08/03/70. Per Flood Insurance Rate Map 225203 0095 E, dated 03/01/84, project is located in zone A5, area of 100-yr flood, base flood elevations and flood hazard factors determined. Project is repair of buildings, and removal and replacement of building contents as per 44 CFR 9.11, mitigation or minimization standards must be applied. Where possible, building contents, materials, and equipment (mechanical or electrical) must be elevated to or above advisory base flood elevation, and where possible, disaster proofing of the building and/or elimination of such future losses by relocation of those building contents, materials and equipment outside or above the base elevation. In compliance with EO 11988, an 8-step process has been completed and is attached. A cumulative final public notice is to be published 15 days prior to start of construction and forwarded to LA GOHSEP and FEMA for documentation. T.Magilke, CFM  **Correspondence/Consultation/References:** FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map, Community Panel No. # 2252030095E dated 03/01/1984
B. E.O. 11990 - Wetlands
No Effects on Wetland(s) and project located outside Wetland(s) - (Review Concluded)  Located in Wetland or effects Wetland(s)  Beneficial Effect on Wetland - (Review Concluded)  Possible adverse effect associated with constructing in or near wetland  Review completed as part of floodplain review  8 Step Process Complete - documentation on file  Are project conditions required? ☐ YES (see Section V) ☐ NO (Review Concluded)
Comments: No wetlands were observed during site visit or determined to be present by checking the USFWS National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) maps.  Correspondence/Consultation/References: USFWS NWI map accessed on-line (http://wetlandsfws.er.usgs.gov/wtlnds/launch.html) 01/05/07.

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C. E.O. 12898 - Environmental Justice for Low Income and Minority Populations  ☐ No Low income or minority population in, near or affected by the project - (Review Concluded)  ☐ Low income or minority population in or near project area  ☐ No disproportionately high and adverse impact on low income or minority population-(Review Concluded)  ☐ Disproportionately high or adverse effects on low income or minority population  Are project conditions required? ☐ YES (see Section V) ☐ NO (Review Concluded)		
Comments: The percent populations of 70122 are: 73.2% Black, 23.0% White, and 3.2% Hispanic. The median household income in 1999 was \$31,104 and 19.9% of families are below poverty level.  Correspondence/Consultation/References: U.S. Census bureau 2000 data at <a href="http://factfinder.census.gov">http://factfinder.census.gov</a> , referenced 01/05/07.		
III. Other Environmental Issues  Identify other potential environmental concerns in the comment box not clearly falling under a law or executive order (see environmental concerns scoping checklist for guidance).		
State Hazardous Materials and Solid Waste Laws  Comments: - In accordance with the Formosan Termite Initiative Act, (LA R.S. 3:3391.1 thru 3391.13) the Louisiana parishes of Calcasieu, Cameron, Jefferson Davis, Orleans, Jefferson, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa and Washington are under quarantine. The movement of wood or cellulose material, temporary housing or architectural components (e.g. beams, doors and other wood salvaged from a structure) may not leave the quarantined parishes without written authorization from the commissioner of the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and forestry or his designee(s).		
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Correspondence/Consultation/Reference:

### IV. Extraordinary Circumstances

Based on the review of compliance with other environmental laws and Executive Orders, and in consideration of other environmental factors, review the project for extraordinary circumstances.

\* A "Yes" under any circumstance may require an Environmental Assessment (EA) with the exception of (ii) which should be applied in conjunction with controversy on an environmental issue. If the circumstance can be mitigated, please explain in comments. If no, leave blank.

Yes	
	(i) Greater scope or size than normally experienced for a particular category of action
	(ii) Actions with a high level of public controversy
	(iii) Potential for degradation, even though slight, of already existing poor environmental
	conditions;

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	(iv) Employment of unproven technology with potential adverse effects or actions involving unique or unknown environmental risks;	
	(v) Presence of endangered or threatened species or their critical habitat, or archaeological, cultural, historical or other protected resources;	
	(vi) Presence of hazardous or toxic substances at levels which exceed Federal, state or local regulations or standards requiring action or attention;	
	(vii) Actions with the potential to affect special status areas adversely or other critical resources such as wetlands, coastal zones, wildlife refuge and wilderness areas, wild and scenic rivers, sole or principal drinking water aquifers;	
	(viii) Potential for adverse effects on health or safety; and	
	(ix) Potential to violate a federal, state, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.	
	(x) Potential for significant cumulative impact when the proposed action is combined with other past, present and reasonably foreseeable future actions, even though the impacts of the proposed action may not be significant by themselves.	

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Comments: None

### V. Environmental Review Project Conditions

### **Project Conditions:**

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### The following conditions apply as a condition of FEMA funding reimbursement:

- This project involves the demolition or renovation of a public structure. Regardless of the asbestos content, the applicant is responsible for ensuring that renovation or demolition activities are coordinated with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) in accordance with the LDEQ "Seventh Amended Declaration of Emergency and Administrative Order" dated August 28, 2006, and the LESHAP protocol dated March 1, 2006, incorporating the provisions of EPA's National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) and the Louisiana Administrative Code (LAC) 33.III.5151 and Chapter 27. Should Asbestos Containing Materials (ACMs) be present at the project site, the applicant is also responsible for ensuring proper disposal in accordance with the previously referenced administrative orders.
- In accordance with the Formosan Termite Initiative Act, (LA R.S. 3:3391.1 thru 3391.13) the Louisiana parishes of Calcasieu, Cameron, Jefferson Davis, Orleans, Jefferson, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa and Washington are under quarantine. The movement of wood or cellulose material, temporary housing or architectural components (e.g. beams, doors and other wood salvaged from a structure) may not leave the quarantined parishes without written authorization from the commissioner of the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and forestry or his designee(s).
- Removal and disposal of debris containing household hazardous waste and certain categories of liquid wastes must be performed in accordance with all applicable federal and state laws, regulations, executive orders and guidelines. LAC title 33 part VII requires that specified items, including lead acid batteries, used oil filters, used motor oil, scrap tires, cfc's (refrigerants), radioactive waste or regulated infectious wastes must be segregated from and excluded from non-hazardous debris collection, staging, processing and disposal sites. Failure to comply with applicable legal requirements in debris collection and/or disposal operations will jeopardize federal funding. The clean-up or restoration/repair of sites damaged as a result of such operations are ineligible for federal funding. Previously obligated funding is subject to de-obligation if a determination of ineligibility is made.
- Cleaning of historic building materials, systems and finishes must be executed in accord with the guidance contained in the U.S. Department of the Interior, NPS, Preservation Brief No. 6, dangers of abrasive cleaning to historic buildings, (see http://www.cr.nps.gov/hps/tps/briefs/brief06.htm). Requirements include: identification of materials to be cleaned, protection of materials not to be cleaned, identification of gentlest means of cleaning possible and testing of cleaning means and methods. Work is to be executed by qualified workers, with documented successful experience working with historic building materials. Abrasive methods of cleaning are prohibited including: power washing, pressure washing and blasting, unless under the supervision of a qualified building conservator or historical architect. Washing with potable water, non-ionic detergent, scrubbing with natural bristle brushes and rinsing with potable water is acceptable for most historic building materials. Other methods may be acceptable when specified by a qualified historical architect (36CFR part 61). Failure to comply with these stipulations may jeopardize receipt of FEMA funding.

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- Project is repair of building and replacement of contents and electrical components. In compliance with E0 11988, a completed 8-step process showing considered alternatives is attached. Per 44 CFR 9.11 alternatives were reviewed. Per 44 CFR 9.11(d)(9), the replacement of building contents, materials and equipment, where possible, disaster proofing of the building and/or elimination of such future losses by relocation of those building contents, materials and equipment to or above the advisory base floodplain. Per 44 CFR 9.12, applicant must publish a final public notice 15 days prior to the start of construction activities. Final public notice is to be forwarded to the LA GOHSEP and FEMA for inclusion in the permanent project files. K. Roof, Floodplain Management Specialist
- In keeping with the stipulations of the PA, all proposed repair activities should be done in-kind to match existing
  materials and form. Any change to the approved scope of work will require resubmission for re-evaluation under
  Section 106 and consultation with the SHPO. Non-compliance may jeopardize the receipt of federal funding. This
  concludes the Section 106 review for this project.
- Ensure that if damaged AC unit or refrigerator contains refrigerant that is an ozone depleting substance subject to clean air act requirements, that this refrigerant is removed and recovered by certified chlorofluorocarbon (cfc) technician per 40 CFR part 82, and that documentation of appropriate disposal is obtained.