

Record of Environmental Consideration

REVISED FOR FEMA ENVIRONMENTAL -- LOUISIANA -- April 2007

See 44 Code of Federal Regulation Part 10

Project Name/Number: Edward Hynes Elementary School / PW 16115/ID 897

Applicant Name: Orleans Parish School Board Fips#071-UFT13-00

AI#897

Project Location: 900 Harrison Avenue. New Orleans, Louisiana, Orleans Parish

Latitude: 30.00300 Longitude: -90.10100

Project Description:

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) have established Alternative Arrangements to meet the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the CEQ Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Requirements of NEPA to Reconstruct Critical Infrastructure in the New Orleans Metropolitan Area. These alternative arrangements will enable FEMA, as a component of DHS, to consider the potential for significant impacts to the human environment from its approval to fund the reconstruction of critical physical infrastructure in NOMA. This project qualifies as an Alternative Arrangement for the Reconstruction of Critical Infrastructure in the New Orleans Metropolitan Area. For more information visit www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/noma/index.shtm.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Environmental and Historic Preservation (EHP) Division at the Louisiana Transitional Recovery Office has determined through its Special Considerations review that Plaquemines Parish Government (Applicant) public involvement process meets the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Alternative Arrangements (AA). Those requirements comply with the programmatic agreement between the White House Council on Environmental Quality, the Department of Homeland Security, and FEMA.

Hurricane Katrina hit the City of New Orleans with high winds and heavy rains on August 29, 2005. The facility was damaged from high winds, water intrusion and flooding due to a levee breach and storm surge. The main building was flooded to approximately 5 feet above finished floor. Edwards H Phillips Jr. High School was in use at the time of the storm. The applicant has chosen not to replace Edwards H. Phillips Jr. High School.

Project scope of work includes using funding from donor facility, (Edwards H. Phillips Jr High), to build a new facility, Edward Hynes Elementary School. The new facility will be 107,000 SF, two stories composed of steel and masonry building for approximately 600 students. The facility will include, but not limited to, classrooms, media center, gymnasium, music/performing arts facilities, administrative areas, computer and science labs, dining/assembly room, and kitchen.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Determination

- Statutorily excluded from NEPA review (**Review Concluded**)
- Programmatic Categorical Exclusion - Category (**Review Concluded**)
- Categorical Exclusion - Category xii & xv
 - 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**)
- Alternative Arrangements
 - Public Involvement Plan on file (see comments below)
 - 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 to utilize the Alternative Arrangement process within NEPA. FEMA's Environmental/Historic Preservation has determined that there has been satisfactory public involvement for the construction for the project.

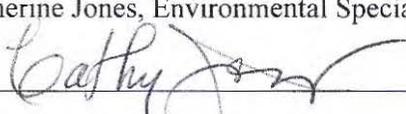
Correspondence/Consultation/References: Report of Finding: Final Approval dated 02/18/10, Catherine Jones, Environmental Specialist.

Project is Non-Compliant (see attached documentation justifying selection)

Reviewer and Approvals

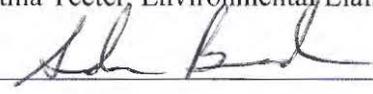
FEMA Environmental Reviewer:

Name: Catherine Jones, Environmental Specialist, FEMA LA TRO

Signature  Date 2/18/10

FEMA Environmental Liaison Officer or Delegated Approving Official:

Name: Cynthia Teeter, Environmental Liaison Officer, FEMA LA TRO

Signature  Date 2-18-10

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

A. National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA)

- Not type of activity with potential to affect historic structures or archaeological resources (**Review Concluded**)
 - Activity meets Programmatic Agreement, December 3, 2004. Appendix A: Allowance No. i, a
 - Programmatic Agreement not applicable for historic structures or archeological sites, must conduct standard Section 106 Review (see below).
 - Other Programmatic Agreement dated
- Are project conditions required? Yes (see Section V) No

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)

Are project conditions required Yes (see Section V) No (**Review Concluded**)

ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

- Project scope of work has no potential to affect archeological resources (**Review Concluded**)
- Project affects only previously disturbed ground. (**Review Concluded**)
- Project affects undisturbed ground or grounds associated with a historic structure
 - Project area has no potential for presence of archeological resources
 - Determination of no historic properties affected (FEMA finding/SHPO/THPO concurrence on file) (**Review Concluded**)
 - Project area has potential for presence of archeological resources
 - 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
 - NR eligible resources not present (FEMA finding/SHPO/THPO concurrence on file)

- Are project conditions required Yes (see Section V) No **(Review Concluded)**
- NR eligible resources present in project area (FEMA finding/SHPO/THPO concurrence on file)
- 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)
- Are project conditions required? Yes (see Section V) No **(Review Concluded)**

Comments- Version For the donor PW 16115: The Historic comments dated July 17, 2009 remain valid. For the recipient project: A review of this project was conducted in accordance with Stipulation I.B of FEMA's Statewide Programmatic Agreement dated August 17, 2009. The rebuild of Hynes Elementary School was initially reviewed in accordance with FEMA's Programmatic Agreement dated December 3, 2004 when the original project was submitted. FEMA determined that no historic properties would be affected by the construction of a Hynes Elementary School at 990 Harrison Avenue in Orleans Parish (see consultation dated March 13, 2008). SHPO concurrence with this determination was received dated March 24, 2008. The applicant must comply with the Louisiana Unmarked Human Burial Sites Preservation Act (R.S. 8:671 et seq.) and the Inadvertent Discovery Clause, which can be found under the Environmental Review NHPA conditions. Any change to the approved scope of work will require reevaluation under Section 106.

Correspondence/Consultation/References: C. Druzak, Historic Preservation Specialist

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? Yes (see Section V) No **(Review Concluded)**
- 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)**

Comments: Project is not within a CBRA zone.

Correspondence/Consultation/References: Louisiana Coastal Barrier Resource System Maps referenced 02/18/10

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 of Clean Water Act or Section 9/10 of Rivers and Harbors Act permit, including qualification under Nationwide Permits.
- Are project conditions required? YES (see Section V) NO **(Review Concluded)**

Project would affect waters of the U.S. by discharging to a surface water body.

Comments: none.

Correspondence/Consultation/References: http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/permits/lpdes/fp_lar20000.pdf

E. Coastal Zone Management Act

- Project is not located in a coastal zone area and does not affect a coastal zone area (**Review concluded**)
- Project is located in a coastal zone area and/or affects the coastal zone
- State administering agency does not require consistency review. (**Review Concluded**).
 - State administering agency requires consistency review.
- Are project conditions required? YES (see section V) NO (**Review Concluded**)

Comments: This project is located within the Louisiana Coastal Management Zone. Projects within the coastal zone may require a coastal use permit or other authorization from LADNR. Projects may be coordinated by contacting LA DNR at 1-225-342-9232.

Correspondence/Consultation/References: Louisiana Coastal Zone maps queried 02/18/10

F. Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act

- Project does not affect, control, or modify a waterway/body of water. (**Review Concluded**)
- Project affects, controls, or modifies a waterway/body of water.
- Coordination with USFWS conducted
 - No Recommendations offered by USFWS. (**Review Concluded**)
 - Recommendations provided by USFWS.
- Are project conditions required? YES (see Section V) NO (**Review Concluded**)

Comments: Project scope does not include impoundment, diversion, control, or other modification of waters of any stream or body of water.

Correspondence/Consultation/References: Louisiana Map (<http://www.lamap.doa.louisiana.gov/>) queried 02/18/10

G. Clean Air Act

- Project will not result in permanent air emissions. (**Review Concluded**)
- Project is located in an attainment area. (**Review Concluded**)
- Project is located in a non-attainment area.
- Coordination required with applicable state administering agency.
- Are project conditions required? YES (see section V) NO (**Review Concluded**)

Comments: The proposed project includes activities that would produce a minor, temporary, and localized impact on air quality from vehicle emissions and fugitive dust particles. No long-term air quality impact is anticipated.

Correspondence/Consultation/References: EPA Region 6 Non-attainment Map

H. Farmland Protection Policy Act

- Project will not affect undisturbed ground. (**Review Concluded**)
- Project has a zoning classification that is other than agricultural or is in an urbanized area. (**Review Concluded**)
- 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 Resources Conservation Service required.
 - Farmland Conversion Impact Rating, Form AD-1006, completed.
- Are project conditions required? YES (see section V) NO (**Review Concluded**)

Comments: The site is located within an existing urban and developed area and FPPA is precluded.

Correspondence/Consultation/References: National Resource Conservation Service, Web Soil Survey (<http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/>) referenced 02/18/10

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 27, 2005.

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://www.lamap.doa.louisiana.gov/>) referenced 01/22/10

K. Wild and Scenic Rivers Act

- Project is not along and does not affect Wild or Scenic River (WSR) - **(Review Concluded)**
- Project is along or affects WSR
 - Project adversely affects WSR as determined by NPS/USFS. **FEMA cannot fund the action.** (NPS/USFS/USFWS/BLM consultation on file) **(Review Concluded)**
 - Project does not adversely affect WSR. (NPS/USFS/USFWS/BLM consultation on file)
 - Are project conditions required? YES (see Section V) NO **(Review Concluded)**

Comments: Project is not along and does not affect Wild or Scenic River (WSR).

Correspondence/Consultation/References: National Wild and Scenic Rivers <http://www.nps.gov/rivers/wildriverslist.html>.

L. Resource Conservation and Recovery Act

Unusable equipment, debris and material shall be disposed of in an approved manner and location. In the event significant items (or evidence thereof) are discovered during implementation of the project, applicant shall handle, manage, and dispose of petroleum products, hazardous materials (such as asbestos and lead based paint) and/or toxic waste in accordance to the requirements and to the satisfaction of the governing local, state and federal agencies.

M. Other Relevant Laws and Environmental Regulations

Comments: none

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)**
 - A Final Public Notice is required

Comments: The City of New Orleans, Orleans Parish enrolled in the National Flood Insurance Program on 08/03/70. Per digital flood insurance rate map 22071c0115f, dated 11/163/2008, project is located in zone "x" (shaded), areas between limits of the 100-year flood and 500-year flood; or certain areas subject to the 100-year flooding with average depths less than one (1) foot or where the contributing drainage area is less than one square mile; or areas protected by levees from the base flood.

Correspondence/Consultation/References: Alan A. Johnson, PE, CFM (CTR)

B. E.O. 11990 - Wetlands

- No Effects on Wetland(s) and/or 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: None

Correspondence/Consultation/References: USFWS NWI map accessed on-line 02/18/10

C. E.O. 12898 - Environmental Justice for Low Income and Minority Populations

- Project scope of work has no potential to adversely impact any population **(Review Concluded)**
- No Low income or minority population in, near or affected by the project based on information gathered from <http://factfinder.census.gov>. **(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: none.

Correspondence/Consultation/References: U.S. Census bureau 2006 data at <http://factfinder.census.gov>, referenced 02/18/10

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).

Comments: None

Correspondence/Consultation/Reference:

IV. Extraordinary Circumstances

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;

- (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.

Comments:

V. Environmental Review Project Conditions

Project Conditions:

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

1. If during the course of work, archaeological artifacts (prehistoric or historic) or human remains are discovered, the applicant shall stop work in the vicinity of the discovery and take all reasonable measures to avoid or minimize harm to the finds. The applicant shall inform their Public Assistance (PA) contacts at FEMA, who will in turn contact FEMA Historic Preservation (HP) staff. The applicant will not proceed with work until FEMA HP completes consultation with the SHPO. In addition, if unmarked graves are present, compliance with the Louisiana Unmarked Human Burial Sites Preservation Act (R.S. 8:671 et seq.) is required. The applicant shall notify the law enforcement agency of the jurisdiction where the remains are located within twenty-four hours of the discovery. The applicant shall also notify FEMA and the Louisiana Division of Archaeology at 225-342-8170 within seventy-two hours of the discovery. If this scope of work and/or the footprint/location of the new building changes, this project will need to be resubmitted for further Section 106 review prior to ground disturbing activities taking place. Failure to comply with these stipulations may jeopardize receipt of federal funding.
2. Unusable equipment, debris and material shall be disposed of in an approved manner and location. In the event significant items (or evidence thereof) are discovered during implementation of the project, applicant shall handle, manage, and dispose of petroleum products, hazardous materials (such as asbestos and lead based paint) and/or toxic waste in accordance to the requirements and to the satisfaction of the governing local, state and federal agencies.
3. In accordance with the Formosan Termite Initiative Act, (La R.S. 3:3391.1 thru 3391.13) the Parish of (Orleans) is under quarantine. The movement of wood or cellulose material, temporary housing or architectural components) may not leave the quarantined parish without written authorization from the Commissioner of the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry or his designee(s).
4. Per Clean Air Act National Emission standards for hazardous air pollutant regulations and Louisiana Administrative Code 33:iii 5151, demolition activities related to Possible Asbestos-Containing Materials (PACM) must be inspected for ACM/PACM where it is safe to do so. ACM/PACM must be handled in accordance with local, state and federal regulations and disposed of at approved facilities that accept ACM. Demolition activity notification must be sent to the LDEQ before work begins
5. Orleans Parish School Board has been responsive to requests for information about the above-referenced project. In light of the satisfactory completion of Public Involvement Processes identified above, and submission of sufficient documentation concerning the local planning process, The Environmental/Historic

Preservation Staff of the FEMA –LATRO has determined that the applicant has sufficiently complied with the requirements for Alternative Arrangements as outlined in FR Vol. 71, No. 56, Page 14712, March 23, 2006.