

ABBREVIATED RECORD OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

See 44 Code of Federal Regulation Part 10.

Project Name/Number: City Courthouse of Slidell/ PW 5728 Version 1/ FIPS 000-U0D4D-00

Project Location: 501 Bouscaren Street, Slidell, Louisiana, St Tammany Parish 70405
(30.27525 N, 89.77951 W)

Project Description: This version was written to add mitigation to the original project. The first mitigation proposal is to elevate the mechanical equipment. The second proposal is to replace carpet with ceramic tile.

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 - **(Review Concluded)**
- Categorical Exclusion - Category xv and xvi
 - 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 definition of critical infrastructure (government and court administration buildings) under the Alternative Arrangements for NEPA compliance.

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)**

Comments: The building is not 45 years or older and was constructed c.a. 1997, therefore this project does not have the potential to have effects on historic properties. No further historic preservation review required.
Correspondence/Consultation/References: NHPA effect determinations made by Derek A. Galose, FEMA Historic Preservation Specialist.

ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

- Project affects only previously disturbed ground. **(Review Concluded)**
- Project affects undisturbed ground.
 - Project area has no potential for presence of archeological resources
 - Determination of no historic properties affected (FEMA finding/SHPO/THPO concurrence or consultation 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: Project does not include ground disturbing activities.

Correspondence/Consultation/References: Damage description and scope of work from Project Worksheet 5728 Version 1

THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES

- 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:

Correspondence/Consultation/References: *Endangered Species Summary for USFWS consultation, letter to Don Fairley dated September 15, 2005.*

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 city of Slidell enrolled in the National Flood Insurance Program 12/16/1980. Per Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) 220204 0010 c, dated 04/21/1999, project is located in zone ae, area of 100-yr flood, base flood elevations determined. Project is repair of building to pre-disaster footprint which is not likely to affect the floodplain. Per 44 CFR 9.11 (d)(9), the applicant should replace materials and equipment, disaster proof the building and/or eliminate future losses by relocating building materials and equipment, where possible, outside or above the base elevation.*

Correspondence/Consultation/References: *Harriet Wegner, FPM., FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map, Community Panel No.2202040010c, dated 04/21/1999.*

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:

Correspondence/Consultation/References: *Damage description and scope of work from Project Worksheet 5728 Version 1*

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: Statistics for Slidell: 83.1 % Caucasian, 13.6 % African American, 2.7 % Hispanic, and 11.8 % Individuals below poverty level.
Correspondence/Consultation/References: U.S. Census bureau 2000 data at <http://factfinder.census.gov>, referenced January 18, 2007.

OTHER RELEVANT LAWS AND ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS

- No impacts to other substantive laws/Executive Orders identified. Review concluded.
- Other applicable substantive laws/Executive Orders. (Identify law/E.O. and conditions if any below).

Comments: 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.
Correspondence/Consultation/Reference: Damage description and scope of work from Project Worksheet 5728 Version 1

V. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROJECT CONDITIONS

Project Conditions:

This project must comply with all conditions of the attached Programmatic Categorical Exclusion. In addition, the following conditions apply as a condition of FEMA funding reimbursement:

1. Per 44 CFR 9.11 (d)(9), the applicant should replace materials and equipment, disaster proof the building and/or eliminate future losses by relocating building materials and equipment, where possible, outside or above the base elevation.
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.

No extraordinary circumstances as described in 44 CFR 10.8(d)(3) were identified during project review.

REVIEWER AND APPROVALS

FEMA Environmental Reviewer.

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Signature Nicole Poret . Date 1/19/2007

FEMA Regional Environmental Officer or delegated approving official.

Name: Bridget Zachary

Signature  . Date 1-19-07 .