

ABBREVIATED RECORD OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

See 44 Code of Federal Regulation Part 10.

Project Name/Number: Fire Station #93/PW 7055, Version 1/PA ID: 051-81165-00

Project Location: 1500 Central Avenue, Westwego, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana 70094
(Latitude: 29.88891N, Longitude: 90.14371W)

Project Description: Heavy rains and high winds from Hurricane Katrina caused significant exterior and interior damage to the City of Westwego's Fire Station #93. Version 1 added additional scope of work pertaining to repairing the facility to pre-disaster condition. In addition, a Hazard Mitigation Proposal proposes to better secure the downspout by the use of stronger materials.

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
- 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 an Alternative Arrangement Permanent Police and Fire Stations type of project.

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 SOW of the project meets the criteria of FEMA's Programmatic Agreement (PA), dated December 3, 2004, Item I, Section I and Item II, Sections A (2) and E.

Correspondence/Consultation/References:

FEMA's Programmatic Agreement (PA), dated December 3, 2004.

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 Site is a developed structure. SOW includes no ground disturbing activities.

Correspondence/Consultation/References:

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:

Listed species habitat does not occur in or near this site, thus this project will have no effect to threatened or endangered species. 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:

Microsoft Streets and Trips, Photographs, PW descriptions..

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: 08/12/06 - The City of Westwego is enrolled in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) as of 12/28/1976. Per flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) panel number 22051C0020E dated 03/23/1995, project is located within an "AE" zone, area of 100-yr flooding, base flood elevation determined. Project is repair of building with mitigation and replacement of electrical components. In compliance with EO 11988, a completed 8-step process showing considered alternatives is attached. 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.

Correspondence/Consultation/References: Floodplains determination made by K. Roof, Floodplain Management Specialist

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>) 8/15/2006.

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: This project will repair or replace facilities to pre-disaster condition and thus is not likely to have disproportionately high or adverse effects on low-income or minority populations.

Correspondence/Consultation/References: U.S. Census bureau 2000 data at <http://factfinder.census.gov>, referenced 8/15/2006.

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:

See Project Conditions Below

Correspondence/Consultation/Reference:

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:

- 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 and/or toxic waste in accordance to the requirements and to the satisfaction of the governing local, state and federal agencies
- This project is located within the Louisiana Coastal Management Zone. LA DNR has determined that receipt of federal assistance is consistent with the Louisiana Coastal Resource Program. Projects within the coastal zone may still require a coastal use permit or other authorization from DNR. Projects may be coordinated by contacting LA DNR at 1-800-267-4019.
- 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).

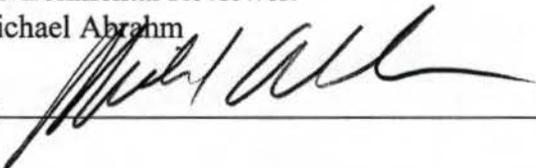
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No extraordinary circumstances as described in 44 CFR 10.8(d)(3) were identified during project review.

REVIEWER AND APPROVALS

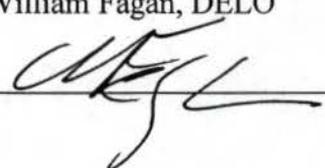
FEMA Environmental Reviewer.

Name: Michael Abrahm

Signature  . Date August 15, 2006

FEMA Regional Environmental Officer or delegated approving official.

Name: Dr. William Fagan, DELO

Signature  . Date 8/30/2006