

ABBREVIATED RECORD OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

See 44 Code of Federal Regulation Part 10.

Project Name/Number: Andrew Jackson High School (ESB0238)- Annex Building B Repairs/ PW 14566/ FIPS # 087-04449-00

Project Location: 201 8th Street, Chalmette, St. Bernard Parish, LA 70043 Latitude: 29.9361, Longitude: -89.95351

Project Description: The Andrew Jackson High School campus received extensive damage from Hurricane Katrina. This PW is for repairs to the Annex building, a 6,800 square foot, one story, classroom and office annex built in 2001. Repairs include replacement of roof systems, doors, windows, exterior brick veneer, walls, floors, wall finishes, ceilings, alarm systems, plumbing, electrical service, power and lighting systems, communication systems, and HVAC systems. This project includes hazard mitigation to replace the existing window system with an aluminum curtain wall system that can resist winds of 140 MPH and water damage.

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 definition of critical infrastructure (permanent schools) 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: Building is not 45 years or older and was constructed C.A. 2001. 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: There are no ground disturbing activities in the scope of work.

Correspondence/Consultation/References: Damage description and scope of work from Project Worksheet 14566

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)**

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- 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 and 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: Project is located in St. Bernard Parish. The parish of St. Bernard enrolled in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) on 03/13/70. Project is located on firm panel number 2252040290b dated 05/01/85, project is located in zone "b", area protected from 100-yr flood by levee, dike, or other structure subject to failure or overtopping during larger floods. The project is the repair of building and the replacement of equipment and components, which per flood recovery guidance, dated 04/12/2006, should, where possible relocated or elevated to an elevation of at least 3 feet above ground level in compliance with E.O. 11988, an 8-step process was completed and 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 Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (LA GOHSEP) and FEMA for inclusion in the permanent project files.

Correspondence/Consultation/References: FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map, Community Panel No. 2252040290b, dated 05/01/85.

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: USFWS NWI map accessed on-line (<http://wetlandsfws.er.usgs.gov/wtlnds/launch.html>) January 29, 2007.

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 Chalmette: 92.7 % Caucasian, 4.8 % Hispanic, 2.4 % African American, and 12.0 % individuals below poverty level.

Correspondence/Consultation/References: U.S. Census bureau 2000 data at <http://factfinder.census.gov>, referenced January 29, 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.

Formosan Termite Initiative Act

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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V. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROJECT CONDITIONS

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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.

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