

Appendix B

Agency Correspondence

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Attn Mr. Boggan:

Please accept the attached letter as FEMA's official consultation with your office in regard to a FEMA funded Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) project for a dual-use safe room at the Abbeville General Hospital.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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July 11, 2016

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RE: Section 106 Review Consultation, Hurricane Gustav, FEMA-1786-DR-LA, Project #160

Applicant: Vermilion Parish Hospital District #2
Undertaking: Abbeville General Hospital Safe Room Construction
118 N. Hospital Drive, Abbeville, LA (29.9740246, -92.1085524)
Determination: No Historic Properties Affected

Dear Mr. Boggan:

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will be providing funds authorized under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, P.L. 93-288, as amended, in response to the following major Disaster Declaration:

FEMA-1786-DR-LA, dated September 2, 2008, as amended.

FEMA, through its 404 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), proposes to fund the above referenced Undertaking as requested by the Applicant. FEMA is initiating Section 106 review, in accordance with the Louisiana State-Specific Programmatic Agreement among FEMA, the Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP), the Louisiana State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas (ACTT), the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana (CTL), the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (CNO), the Jena Band of Choctaw Indians (JBCI), the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians (MBCI), the Seminole Tribe of Florida (STF), and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) regarding FEMA's HMGP dated January 31st, 2011 (2011 LA HMGP PA) and providing SHPO with the opportunity to consult on the proposed Undertaking.

Vermilion Parish Hospital District #2 (Applicant) proposes to design and construct a dual-use safe room that will provide protection for an identified population in the event of a hurricane (Undertaking). The proposed dual-use hurricane safe room construction will create a footprint approximately 14,404 sq ft in size and will provide protection for an estimated 376 patients, hospital staff, first responders and critical/essential services personal. The new dual-use safe room is being proposed as a wing on the northwest end of the existing hospital structure where there is currently an existing surface parking lot.

Ground disturbance activities on the existing site will be conducted using utility trenchers, machine excavators and/or bulldozers if applicable. The anticipated ground disturbance activities within the building footprint mainly consists of excavations for existing paving demolition, drill shaft footings and foundation grade beams as well as underground utility lines within the building. The existing surface parking lot will be excavated approximately 14.5in below the existing grade and removed within and 5ft beyond the new building footprint. The dual-use safe room pad will be backfilled with soil fill so the building slab can be elevated to meet the required 500 year flood elevation before the foundation is poured. A total of 71 drilled and poured concrete shafts will be within the building footprint with a minimum size of 18in x 20ft deep to a maximum size of 30in x 25ft deep. The concrete foundation will only protrude approximately 10in into the prior existing grade level. Various utility line trenches will be dug within the building footprint for mechanical and electric services. But likely will be no deeper than concrete foundation beams, except where existing invert tie in depth requires deeper excavation.

Anticipated ground disturbance for activities outside of the building footprint will be created by trench excavations for utility line installation. These consist of trenches for the relocation of existing and/or installation of new storm drainage lines measuring approximately 420ft x 2.5ft x 6ft deep; as well as a main electrical utility trench approximately 220ft x 1.5ft x 3ft deep; and excavation for a transformer pad foundation approximately 9ft x 8 ft with two 8in x 5 ft deep poured concrete shafts adjacent to the city road right-of-way. Additionally there will be a new main water service line utility trench required that will be approximately 190ft x 1.5ft x 3ft deep leading from the building to the City water main adjacent the road right-of-way. There will also be minimal ground disturbance activities on the existing surface parking lot to align with the new surface parking. The new paving will be above existing ground elevation and the disturbance will occur only on the surface of the asphalt at the alignment edge.

In accordance with Stipulation VII.B.2 of the 2011 LA HMGP PA, the Area of Potential Affect (APE) for the proposed Undertaking is considered to be the property's tax parcel.

FEMA consulted the Louisiana Division of Archaeology Cultural Resources Map and associated files to identify historic properties. The APE is not located within or adjacent to any National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) listed or eligible historic properties. The project is located within an area that was previously surveyed in 1977 for cultural resources for the proposed additions to the sanitary sewerage system of Abbeville (Report 22-2428). No cultural resources were identified in the survey.

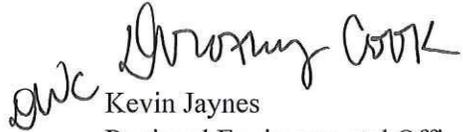
Since 1906 the major health care facility in Vermilion Parish was the Victorian style building, Fenwick Sanitarium which later became the Palms Hospital. On February 6, 1962 Hospital Service District No. 2 was created by the Police Jury of Vermilion Parish to provide a new parish-owned hospital for the community, and the Board of Commissioners was appointed. A plot of approximately ten acres was procured and the building was started in the fall of 1963. Abbeville General Hospital opened to the citizens of Vermilion Parish and surrounding areas in February 1966. Through the years there have been numerous expansions, renovations, and modernization projects to maintain the hospital for the community.

Based on the available information gathered through this review process,, FEMA has determined that ground disturbing activities will take place in areas that have been previously disturbed by construction activities, site grading, and the installation of a parking lot and infrastructure for the existing hospital. There are no previously recorded archaeological sites within the project area and it is unlikely that the Undertaking would impact any intact archaeological deposits, if present.

FEMA determines that the Abbeville General Hospital is **Not Eligible** for listing in the NRHP under Criteria A, B, or C as it is not associated with a significant individual or event, nor does it embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or methods of construction, the work of a master, possess high artistic values, or represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction. Therefore, based on the available information gathered through this review process, FEMA has determined that there are **No Historic Properties Affected** as a result of the proposed undertaking.

We respectfully request concurrence with this determination. A LA Cultural Resources topo and aerial map, photos showing the project location, and a proposed plan are attached. Your prompt review of this project is greatly appreciated. Should you need additional information please contact Sarah K. Forbes, Historic Preservation Specialist, at sarah.forbes@fema.dhs.gov or (940) 297-0204.

Sincerely,

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No known historic properties will be affected by this undertaking. Therefore, our office has no objection to the implementation of this project. This effect determination could change should new information come to our attention.



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State Historic Preservation Officer

Date

07/15/2016