

**Appendix B**  
**Agency Responses**

## Kelly George

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**From:** Jennifer Gerbasi <jgerbasi@tpcg.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 30, 2014 9:03 PM  
**To:** Kelly George  
**Subject:** FW: Terrebonne Parish Safe Room East  
**Attachments:** Terrebonne Parish - Safe Room - Maps and Photos Concurrence Request 12-29-14.pdf; Lisa Ledet Terrebonne Parish LONO.pdf

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**From:** Pat Gordon  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 30, 2014 3:06 PM  
**To:** Jennifer Gerbasi  
**Cc:** Lisa Ledet; Patricia Belanger  
**Subject:** FW: Terrebonne Parish Safe Room East

Ms Gerbasi,

Please be advised that the Terrebonne Parish Department of Planning and Zoning is designated as the Department to handle all Floodplain Management inquires and responses in Terrebonne Parish.

Based on the information provided this project will be in compliance with our Hazard Mitigation Plan and Flood Ordinance.

The Planning Office would highly recommend this project to move forward to enhance our Emergency Response Dept and mitigation efforts.

Please notify our office for any further information required.

Thanks

Patrick Gordon Sr.  
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**From:** Jennifer Gerbasi  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 23, 2014 3:09 PM  
**To:** Lisa Ledet  
**Cc:** Patricia Belanger  
**Subject:** FW: Terrebonne Parish Safe Room East

Greetings,

Please find attached the request for concurrence/Letter of No Objection for the Terrebonne Parish Safe Room East project proposed. If you have any difficulties opening or receiving the files, please advise and we will send in another manner.

Thank you for your consideration and advice.

Have a happy holiday.

Cheers,

Jennifer

Jennifer C. Gerbasi  
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## Kelly George

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**From:** Jennifer Gerbasi <jgerbasi@tpcg.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 20, 2015 3:27 PM  
**To:** Kelly George  
**Cc:** Niayonda Picou; Joan Schexnayder  
**Subject:** FW: DEQ SOV 141229/1735 Terrebonne Parish Safe Room East

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**From:** Linda (Brown) Hardy [mailto:Linda.Hardy@la.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 20, 2015 2:26 PM  
**To:** Jennifer Gerbasi  
**Cc:** Yasoob Zia  
**Subject:** DEQ SOV 141229/1735 Terrebonne Parish Safe Room East

January 20, 2015

Jennifer C. Gerbasi  
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RE: 141229/1735 Terrebonne Parish Safe Room East  
FEMA GOHSEP Funding  
Terrebonne Parish

Dear Ms. Gerbasi:

The Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ), Business and Community Outreach Division has received your request for comments on the above referenced project.

After reviewing your request, the Department has no objections based on the information provided in your submittal. However, for your information, the following general comments have been included. Please be advised that if you should encounter a problem during the implementation of this project, you should immediately notify LDEQ's Single-Point-of-contact (SPOC) at (225) 219-3640.

- Please take any necessary steps to obtain and/or update all necessary approvals and environmental permits regarding this proposed project.
- If your project results in a discharge to waters of the state, submittal of a Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) application may be necessary.
- If the project results in a discharge of wastewater to an existing wastewater treatment system, that wastewater treatment system may need to modify its LPDES permit before accepting the additional wastewater.
- All precautions should be observed to control nonpoint source pollution from construction activities. LDEQ has stormwater general permits for construction areas equal to or greater than one acre. It is recommended that you contact the LDEQ Water Permits Division at (225) 219-9371 to determine if your proposed project requires a permit.
- If your project will include a sanitary wastewater treatment facility, a Sewage Sludge and Biosolids Use or Disposal Permit application or Notice of Intent must be submitted no later than January 1, 2014. Additional information may be obtained on the LDEQ website at <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/2296/Default.aspx> or by contacting the LDEQ Water Permits Division at (225) 219- 9371.
- If any of the proposed work is located in wetlands or other areas subject to the jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, you should contact the Corps directly regarding permitting issues. If a Corps permit is required, part of the application process may involve a water quality certification from LDEQ.
- All precautions should be observed to protect the groundwater of the region.

- Please be advised that water softeners generate wastewaters that may require special limitations depending on local water quality considerations. Therefore if your water system improvements include water softeners, you are advised to contact the LDEQ Water Permits to determine if special water quality-based limitations will be necessary.
- Any renovation or remodeling must comply with LAC 33:III.Chapter 28, Lead-Based Paint Activities; LAC 33:III.Chapter 27, Asbestos-Containing Materials in Schools and State Buildings (includes all training and accreditation); and LAC 33:III.5151, Emission Standard for Asbestos for any renovations or demolitions.
- If any solid or hazardous wastes, or soils and/or groundwater contaminated with hazardous constituents are encountered during the project, notification to LDEQ's Single-Point-of-Contact (SPOC) at (225) 219-3640 is required. Additionally, precautions should be taken to protect workers from these hazardous constituents.

**Currently, Terrebonne Parish is classified as attainment with the National Ambient Air Quality Standards and has no general conformity determination obligations.**

Please send all future requests to my attention. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (225) 219-3954 or by email at [linda.hardy@la.gov](mailto:linda.hardy@la.gov).

Sincerely,

*Linda M. Hardy*

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September 9, 2015

Mr. Phillip E. Boggan II  
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No known historic properties will be affected by this undertaking. This effect determination could change should new information come to our attention.

*Phil Boggan* 9-29-15  
Phil Boggan Date  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

**RE: Section 106 Review Consultation, Hurricane Gustav, FEMA-1786-DR-LA, project 170**

**Applicant:** Terrebonne Parish

**Undertaking:** Construction of a safe room at 2104 Morris St., Houma, LA (29.59290, -90.69856)

**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 October 29, 2008.

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 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011 (2011 LA HMGP PA) and providing the SHPO and Tribes with the opportunity to consult on the proposed Undertaking.

The applicant is proposing to construct a dual-use hurricane safe room on a parcel of vacant land, owned by Terrebonne Parish, at 2104 Morris St., Houma, LA. The safe room will be designed to meet the requirements of FEMA bulletin P-361, Third Edition / March 2015, *Safe Rooms for Tornadoes and Hurricanes*. It will provide near-absolute life safety protection for an estimated 90 critical/essential services personnel during a hurricane. The facility will also serve as a fire training center. The footprint will be approximately 2,200 square ft. A parking area and access road from

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the fire station on Hwy 3040 (Tunnel Boulevard) will also be constructed to serve the facility. The area of potential affect (APE) for the Undertaking includes the footprint of the building, parking area and access road for archaeology and the adjacent buildings within the view shed for standing structures. Maps, drawings and photographs are attached.

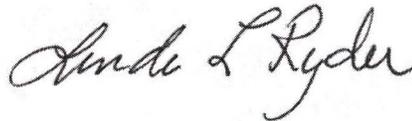
FEMA conducted research using the Louisiana Division of Archaeology's Cultural Resource database and associated site files, photographs, maps and a site visit to identify historic properties. A reconnaissance survey that included the subject APE was conducted in 1977 for sewerage pump stations and force mains (report 22-461). No cultural resources were noted at that time. The closest archaeological sites recorded in the area are all associated with historic structures standing or in ruins at the time of survey. The closest recorded site (structure), the Hamilton Machine Shop located on the corner of Howard Ave. and E. Tunnel Blvd., is approximately 200 meters away. The buildings to the south and west include some industrial buildings and a fire station, all less than 50 years old. The neighborhood to the north of the parcel appears to be a mixture of one-story ranch style houses and trailers. Some of the houses may be over 50 years old but do not meet the criteria to be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

FEMA staff conducted a pedestrian survey, examined recently excavated postholes along Morris Street, and conducted one subsurface test during a site visit on September 1, 2015. Ground surface visibility was about 10% because most of the APE is covered with well-maintained grass; some bare spots provided a small amount of surface visibility. Oyster and Rangia shell as well as gravels were observed in each bare spot on the surface, which seemed to indicate fill material. A fire department representative confirmed that fill material has been periodically spread across the property over the last two years. Additional areas of the APE have been previously disturbed by a marked water line that extends along the proposed access road. Workers on-site were actively excavating postholes along Morris Street, outside of the project APE, during the site visit. FEMA staff took the opportunity to examine the empty holes before fence posts were placed in them. Each posthole exhibited shell, gravel, and glass in a dark grayish brown clay. The glass was likely roadway debris, as similar pieces of glass were nearby on the ground surface. Shovel Test 1 was excavated near the center of the proposed building footprint. The shovel test exhibited three stratigraphic layers. Strat I (0-17 cmbs) consisted of very dark gray (10YR 3/1) and very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) clay with shell and gravel. Strat II (17-47 cmbs) consisted of dark grayish brown (2.5Y 4/2) with yellowish brown (10YR 5/6) silty clay. Strat III (47-57 cmbs) consisted of very dark gray (2.5Y 3/1) with dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/6) silty clay. No cultural material was observed during the pedestrian survey or recovered from the shovel test.

Mr. Boggan  
HMGP 1786-170, Terrebonne Parish Safe Room  
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FEMA has determined no historic properties will be affected by the proposed Undertaking. We look forward to your concurrence with this determination. Should you have any questions or need additional information regarding this Undertaking, please contact Amber Martinez [amber.martinez2@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:amber.martinez2@fema.dhs.gov) or Cheraki Williams at [Cheraki.williams@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:Cheraki.williams@fema.dhs.gov)

Sincerely,



Linda L. Ryder, REM, CESCO  
Environmental Historic Preservation Team Lead  
Baton Rouge Processing Center

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Enclosures



## ESA Technical Assistance Form

### General Information

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**Point of Contact:** Jeffrey Giering

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**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** Louisiana **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number 1:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone Number 2:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** Jeffrey.Giering@la.gov

### Proposed Project Information

**Project Reference ID:** 4094

**Project Latitude:** 29.59298 **Project Longitude:** -90.69856

**Project Parish(es):** Terrebonne

**Project Description:** This proposed project will fund the design and construction of a community safe room, intended to provide near-absolute life safety protection for an identified population of first responders and other critical/essential services personnel.

Based on the information provided, the proposed project is not an activity that would affect a federally listed threatened or endangered species; nor is there proposed or designated critical habitat present within this Parish.

Therefore, a "no effect" conclusion is appropriate. No further ESA coordination with the Service is necessary for the proposed action, unless there are changes in the scope or location of the proposed project or the project has not been initiated one year from the date of this letter.

If the proposed project has not been initiated within one year, follow-up coordination via this website should be accomplished prior to making expenditures because our threatened and endangered species information is updated annually. If the scope or location of the proposed project is changed, coordination via this website should occur as soon as such changes are made.

This finding completes project review by the Service for effects to Federal trust resources under our jurisdiction and currently protected by the ESA.

Please keep a copy of this pre-development coordination for your records. Do not send it to the Lafayette ES Office.

If you have additional questions, please contact Louisiana ES Office Biological Science Technician at 337/291-3100 for further assistance.



## ESA Technical Assistance Form

### Project Type: Non-Emergency FEMA Project

Does the project propose to obtain, remodel, refurbish, or rehabilitate existing structures in such a way that does not significantly alter the present capacity or use, and does not alter surrounding land areas that were previously undisturbed? **No**

Does the project propose to reconstruct, resurface, or enhance infrastructure and/or cityscape (e.g. streets, sewers, sidewalks, etc.) within the current footprint of the infrastructure and in a manner that does not disturb previously undisturbed ground? **No**

Does the project propose to remove urban blight through the demolition of unwanted and unsightly structures in a manner that does not disturb surrounding plant or animal habitat; including the planned locations for disposal and stockpiling of demolition debris? **No**

Is the construction project located entirely within the footprint of an established urban/suburban area (incorporated villages, towns, or cities)? **Yes**