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Federal Emergency Management Agency
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1500 Main Street
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Ms. Pam Breaux
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Baton Rouge, LA 70804

RE: Section 106 Review Consultation, Hurricane Katrina, DR-1603-LA
Demolition of the Engine House, 2019 Third Street, Orleans Parish
Applicant: City of New Orleans

Dear Ms. Breaux:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will be reviewing the proposed demolition of the above referenced Engine House in accordance with *Stipulation V. Expedited Project Review for Emergencies* of the Programmatic Agreement among FEMA, the Louisiana State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), the Louisiana Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (LOHSEP) and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation dated December 3, 2004. In accordance with Stipulation V.2. and V.3., FEMA would like to request your concurrence to use the expedited project review process.

The Engine House is a contributing building in the Central City National Register Historic District. It was substantially damaged during Hurricane Katrina. There was minor lifting of the frame off the foundation, making the building wrack at the second floor sill level. It is leaning precariously toward a home that has recently been reoccupied and is largely undamaged and contributes to the historic district. Attached is a structural report from the Applicant, the City of New Orleans, stating that the building poses an imminent threat to life and property and it recommends the immediate demolition of the structure (Undertaking).

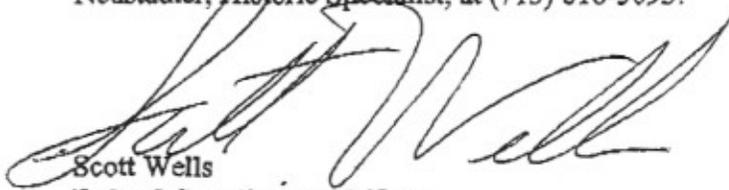
FEMA proposes to mitigate the Adverse Effect through photographic documentation of the site which includes:

- digital photographs taken of the exterior of the building (the interior is not accessible) that will be taken and developed in accordance with the archival standard produced by National Park Service and described in the March 2005 Photo Policy Expansion;
- a sketch plan of the site; and
- completion of the Short Format Buildings Survey.

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We are requesting your concurrence regarding the use of the expedited review process. Your prompt review is greatly appreciated. Should you need additional information please contact Mary Neustadter, Historic Specialist, at (713) 818-3093.



Scott Wells
Federal Coordinating Officer

cc: John Ketchum, FEMA Historic Preservation Officer

Enclosures