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RE: Alternative Arrangements, Reconstruction of Critical Infrastructure in the New Orleans Metropolitan Area, EOR2462 Dunbar Elementary School- Building A Main, Recovery School District, PW#: 13977, DR-1603-LA, PA ID: 033-UA9M2-00

Dear Mr. Gonzales:

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the Public Assistance project for EOR2462 Dunbar Elementary School- Building A Main, 9330 Forshey St., New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana (30.01054N, 90.07777W), qualifies for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Alternative Arrangements for the Reconstruction of Critical Infrastructure in the New Orleans Metropolitan Area.

Under the regular Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) NEPA review process; this project would have qualified for categorical exclusion in accordance with 44 CFR Part 10.8(d)(2)(xv). However, due to the unprecedented number of grants requested that need to be processed in a short time, the potential cumulative effects, and potential environmentally-related socio-economic effects of FEMA's funding in the New Orleans Metropolitan Area, FEMA has determined that this type of action may have significant impacts that cannot be reviewed under the normal Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process. FEMA, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) have adopted the Alternative Arrangements to address the basic elements of NEPA under these circumstances. For more information visit www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/noma/index.shtm.

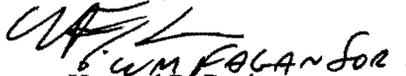
While the use of Alternative Arrangements meets NEPA compliance requirements, there are requirements of other Environmental and Historic Preservation (EHP) laws and executive orders that must be individually complied with. For the work described in this Project Worksheet (PW) the following conditions relating to those requirements apply:

- 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.
- 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).

- Elevation information, signed and sealed by a licensed surveyor, engineer or architect must be obtained and filed for verification of compliance with 44 CFR 9.11, for the placement of contents, materials and equipment either flood proofed or above the Advisory Base Flood Elevation (ABFE). 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 Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) and FEMA for inclusion in the permanent project files..
- Cleaning of historic building materials, systems and finishes must be executed in accord with the guidance contained in the US Department of the Interior, NPS, preservation brief no. 6, dangers of abrasive cleaning to historic buildings, (see <http://www.cr.nps.gov/hps/tps/briefs/brief06.htm>).
- In keeping with the stipulations of the Programmatic Agreement (PA), all proposed repair activities should be done in-kind to match existing materials and form.

Please note that this transmittal is a notification that this project has been cleared under NEPA only. **This is not a notice of final approval or eligibility.** Any change beyond the approved scope of work for this project will require additional environmental review by FEMA.

Sincerely,


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Enclosures: Record Environmental Consideration
Project Worksheet # 13977

Cc: Oliver Mack, FEMA DPAO for Grants