

# ABBREVIATED RECORD OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

See 44 Code of Federal Regulation Part 10.

**Project Name/Number:** HR-HOSP. Physical Plant Repair/8074 Version 1

**Project Location:** 200 Henry Clay, New Orleans, Louisiana, Orleans Parish  
Latitude: 29.91787N, Longitude: 90.12772W

**Project Description:** The work called for in this Hazard Mitigation Proposal will allow the hospital, a critical facility, to provide a toggle mechanism between its two emergency fuel tanks. This will provide redundancy for the fuel supply for the facility's emergency generators. Currently, the facility has two fuel tanks and two fuel pumps to serve its five generators. One pump is dedicated to each tank and can provide sufficient fuel to power the generators. Should a pump fail, it will take the fuel tank out of service, reducing the time of operation of the stand-by power by up to one-half. By providing the necessary piping, valves and switches, either pump will be able to pump the fuel from either tank. Project conditions are obligatory and are listed under section (v) of this Record of Environmental Consideration (REC), furthermore there are no major environmental stipulations identified with the Hazard Mitigation scope of work that may require an environmental assessment.

## 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.

## 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:** Scope of work will not have any affect on historic or archeological properties. The project will not require excavation in a previously undisturbed area.

**Correspondence/Consultation/References:** NHPA effect determinations made by Kathleen M. Bergerone , 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:  
Correspondence/Consultation/References:

**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)**
- Listed species and/or designated critical habitat present in the areas affected directly or indirectly by the Federal action.
  - 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: Project is located in an urban or previously developed area. Neither listed species nor their habitat occur in or near this site, thus FEMA finds there will be no effect to threatened or endangered species.  
Correspondence/Consultation/References: USFWS emergency consultation provisions determined in letters 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: The site is located in Zone B.

<http://store.msc.fema.gov/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/FemaWelcomeView?storeId=10001&catalogId=10001&langId=-1>,  
click on [Map search](#) and enter lat/long for the site.

**Correspondence/Consultation/References:** FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map, Community Panel No. 2252030160E,  
revised March 01, 1984.

### **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:** No wetlands were observed during site visit or determined to be present by checking the USFWS National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) maps.

**Correspondence/Consultation/References:** USFWS NWI map accessed on-line  
(<http://wetlandsfws.er.usgs.gov/wtlnds/launch.html>) 08/30/06.

### **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:** The percent populations of 70065 are: 75.2% Caucasian, 14.2% African American and 3.5% Asian. The median household income in 1999 was \$ 52,001 and 7.2 % of families are below poverty level.

**Correspondence/Consultation/References:** U.S. Census bureau 2000 data at <http://factfinder.census.gov>, referenced 06/16/06.

### **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:** 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.

### **V. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROJECT CONDITIONS**

#### Project Conditions:

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- This project is located within the Louisiana Coastal Management Zone. Louisiana DNR has determined that receipt of federal assistance is consistent with the Louisiana Coastal Resource Program. Projects within the coastal zone may still require a coastal use permit or other authorization from DNR. Projects may be coordinated by contacting la DNR at 1-800-267-4019.
- In accordance with the Formosan termite Initiative Act, (L.A. 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).
- This project involves the demolition or renovation of a public structure. Regardless of the asbestos content, the applicant is responsible for ensuring that renovation or demolition activities are coordinated with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) in accordance with the LDEQ "fifth amended declaration of emergency and administrative order" dated March 31, 2006, and the LESHAP protocol dated March 1, 2006, incorporating the provisions of EPA's National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) and the Louisiana administrative code (LAC) 33.iii.5151 and chapter 27. Should Asbestos Containing Materials (ACMS) be present at the project site, the applicant is also responsible for ensuring proper disposal in accordance with the previously referenced administrative orders.
- The applicant is responsible for obtaining and/or complying with all federal, state and local permits, ordinances and/or requirements for the collection, handling, storage, transportation and disposal of any medical, biological, radiological, pharmaceutical or toxic flood related waste or debris. Applicants are required to self certify and must maintain all records as part of their permanent project file. Documentation should be forwarded to the Louisiana office of homeland security emergency preparedness and federal emergency management agency for inclusion in the permanent project files. Non-compliance may jeopardize receipt of federal funding.
- This version is being written to PW 8074 version 0 to add the hazard mitigation proposal. Any change to the approved scope of work will require resubmission for re-evaluation for compliance with the national environmental policy act. Non-compliance with this requirement may jeopardize the receipt of federal funding.

No extraordinary circumstances as described in 44 CFR 10.8(d)(3) were identified during project review.

**REVIEWER AND APPROVALS**

FEMA Environmental Reviewer.

Name: Kevin Bruton, Environmental Specialist

Signature Kevin C. Bruton Date 8/30/2006

FEMA Regional Environmental Officer or delegated approving official.

Name: Howard R. Bush, Environmental Liaison Officer

for → Signature [Signature] Date 8/30/2006