

# ABBREVIATED RECORD OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

See 44 Code of Federal Regulation Part 10.

**Project Name/Number:** Street Crime Unit Building, PW# 8770, FIPS# 000-UXL4N-00

**Project Location:** 1700 Moss Street, New Orleans, LA, Orleans Parish, Latitude: 29.9864, Longitude: -90.0877

**Project Description:** On August 29 Hurricane Katrina made landfall, causing high winds, flooding and flying debris and extensively damaging the Orleans Parish 3rd District Police Complex. Damages to the building included: 28 doors, 2 double doors, timber studs (36 LF), metal studs (400 LF), carpet (77 SY), baseboard moldings (749 LF), drywall (11,344 SF), suspended ceiling tiles (8,306 SF), floor tiles (7,746 SF), 75 gal gas fired water heater, two 5-ton HVAC systems with condensing and evaporating units, one 10-ton HVAC system including condensing unit and evaporating unit. Two HVAC aluminum air supply grills, one HVAC electronic thermostat, one HVAC 1/2" refrigerant pipe with insulation, electrical wiring, outlets, switches, and circuit panel boards and equipment, structural crack (10 SF), broken window glass (80 SF), and one 9' x 5' window.

Hazard Mitigation proposes to mitigate water damage to the 3rd District Operation Division Building network cabling caused by flooding. The scope of work includes the replacement of the following electrical equipment: 30 Voice/Data outlets two jack openings, 20 C.L.F. Category 5 cabling and 100 Category 5 connectors (RJ-45), with the following equipment: 2 Wireless Access Points, 5 C.L.F. Category 5 cabling, 10 Category 5 connectors (RJ-45) and 25 Wireless PCI Adaptors.

## 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.

## National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Determination

- Statutorily excluded from NEPA review. **(Review Concluded)**
- Programmatic Categorical Exclusion - **(Review Concluded)**
- Categorical Exclusion - Category
  - No Extraordinary Circumstances exist.
    - Are project conditions required?  Yes (see section V)  No **(Review Concluded)**
  - Extraordinary Circumstances exist (See Section IV).
    - Extraordinary Circumstances mitigated. (See Section IV comments)
      - Are project conditions required?  Yes (see section V)  No **(Review Concluded)**
- Environmental Assessment

- Supplemental Environmental Assessment (Reference EA or PEA in comments)
- Environmental Impact Statement

**Comments:**

The scope of work for this project meets the criteria for an Alternative Arrangement 'Government and Court Administration Buildings' type of project.

**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:**

The structure does not meet the 50-year criterion, nor does it possess the level of exceptional importance required by Criteria Consideration G of the National Register Guidelines to be considered eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. In addition, there is no ground disturbing activity in the scope of work. Therefore, the proposed work will have no effect on Historic Properties.

**Correspondence/Consultation/References:**

NHPA effect determinations made by James Crouch, 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:**

There are no ground disturbing activities in the scope of work.

**Correspondence/Consultation/References:**

NHPA effect determinations made by James Crouch, Historic Preservation Specialist

**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 letter 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", area protected from 100-yr flood by levee, dike or other structure subject to failure or overtopping during larger floods.

**Correspondence/Consultation/References:**

FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map, Community Panel No. 225203 0095E, revised 03/01/84.

**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>) 06/19/2006. .

**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 70119 are: 23.3% White, 5.6% Latino and 0.7% Asian. The median household income in 1999 was \$ 21,297 and 29.2 % of families are below poverty level.

**Correspondence/Consultation/References:** U.S. Census bureau 2000 data at <http://factfinder.census.gov>, referenced 06/19/2006.

**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:**

**Resource Conservation and Recovery Act:**

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.

**Correspondence/Consultation/Reference:**

**V. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROJECT CONDITIONS**

**Project Conditions:**

- This project is located within the Louisiana Coastal Management Zone. FEMA has determined that this project is consistent with the Coastal Zone Management Act and the Louisiana Coastal Management Plan (LCMP). Any change to the approved scope of work will require re-submission to FEMA for re-evaluation for consistency with LCMP. Projects within the Coastal Zone may still require a Coastal Use Permit from the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources (LDNR). Projects may be coordinated by contacting LDNR at 1-800-267-4019.
- Ensure that if damaged AC unit contains refrigerant that is an ozone depleting substance subject to Clean Air Act requirements, that this refrigerant is removed and recovered by Certified Chlorofluorocarbon (CFC) technician per 40 CFR Part 82, and that documentation of appropriate disposal is obtained.
- The City of New Orleans / Orleans Parish enrolled in the National Flood Insurance Policy (NFIP) on 08-03-70. Per Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) panel number 225203 0095E, dated 08/03/70, project is located in a Zone "B", area protected from 100-yr flood by levee, dike, or other structure subject to failure or overtopping during larger floods. Per E.O. 11988 – an 8-step process is attached, clarification of Step 2: A cumulative public notice was published in the Times Picayune Nov. 7-9, 2005. Project is repair of building and replacement of contents, which per flood recovery guidance, dated 04/12/2006 should, where possible, be elevated to an elevation of at least 3 feet above ground level. The applicant must comply with E.O. 11988, completing the 8-step process; follow all applicable local, state and federal laws, regulations and requirements; obtain and comply with all required permits and approvals prior to initiating work on this project. Per 44 CFR 9.12, applicant must publish a final public notice 15 days prior to the start of construction activities. Documentation of completed 8-step process and final notice is to be forwarded to the Louisiana Office of Homeland Security Emergency Preparedness and Federal Emergency Management Agency for inclusion in the permanent project files.

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

**REVIEWER AND APPROVALS**

FEMA Environmental Reviewer.

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