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FEMA-1603-DR-LA
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RE: Alternative Arrangements, Reconstruction of Critical Infrastructure in the New Orleans Metropolitan Area, Daughters of Charity Health Center, Daughters of Charity Services, PW#: 9867, DR-1603-LA, PA ID: 071-UGQCL-00

Dear Mr. Gonzales:

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the Public Assistance project, including demolition of structures and disposal of uncontaminated structures, for Daughters of Charity Health Center, 3900 South Carrollton Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70118 (29.968 N, 90.110 W), 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 this project would have qualified for Categorical Exclusion XII. However, due to the unprecedented amount 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 process. FEMA, Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and 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.shtml.

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

- This project is located within the Louisiana Coastal Management Zone. Louisiana Department of Natural Resources 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, (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).

- Applicant should handle, manage, and dispose of potentially hazardous waste, biomedical waste, radioactive waste, universal waste, and hazardous materials in accordance with the requirements of local, state, and federal regulations. These materials may include but are not limited to asbestos, lead-based paint, laboratory reagents, propane cylinders, paints and solvents, coolants containing chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), used oil, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), other petroleum products, used oil filters, fuel filters, cleaning chemicals, pesticides, batteries, and unlabeled tanks and containers. Equipment that may include these materials are ice machines, refrigerators, generators, computers, televisions, mercury switches, fluorescent lights, fluorescent light ballasts, sandblast units, paint sprayers, etc..
- 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 "Fourth Amended Declaration of Emergency and Administrative Order" and the Louisiana Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (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.
- This project involves the demolition or renovation of a public structure that may contain surfaces coated with lead-based paint (LBP). Activities involving abrading (sanding, scraping, etc.), heating, stripping, or otherwise concentrating LBP shall comply with applicable provisions of 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 1910 and 1926 (Occupational Safety and Health Administration – Worker Safety), and 40 CFR 260 through 268 (Environmental Protection Agency – Hazardous Waste). The applicant is responsible for ensuring that renovation or demolition activities are coordinated with the LDEQ for abatement activities and is also responsible for ensuring proper disposal in accordance with the previously referenced regulations.
- Pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800.3 (1), this undertaking, regarding the removal of the building, disposal of debris from the damaged building and its contents, is a type of activity that does not have the potential to cause effects on historic properties, assuming such historic properties were present, therefore FEMA has no further obligations under section 106 or 36 CFR Part 800

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 approval scope of work for this project will require additional environmental review by FEMA.

Sincerely,



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Cc: Oliver Mack, FEMA DPAO for Grants