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July 11, 2006

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RE: Alternative Arrangements, Reconstruction of Critical Infrastructure in the New Orleans Metropolitan Area, St. Louise de Marillac School, Roman Catholic Church/Archdiocese of N.O., PW#: 8627, DR-1603-LA, PA ID: 000-UV6IX-00

Dear Mr. Gonzales:

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the Public Assistance project for St. Louise de Marillac School, 1914 Aycock St., Arabi, St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana 70032, 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 CATEX XV. 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 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](http://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 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.
- This project is located in the Louisiana Coastal Management Zone. LA 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 authorization from DNR. Projects may be coordinated by contacting LA DNR at 1-800-267-4019.

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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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Enclosures: Project Worksheet

Cc: Oliver Mack, FEMA DPAO for Grants