

# ABBREVIATED RECORD OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

See 44 Code of Federal Regulation Part 10.

**Project Name/Number:** Abney Elementary School Flood Damage, PW 11360

**Project Location:** 825 Kostmayer Avenue, St. Tammany Parish, La, Latitude: 30.25751, Longitude: -89.78486

**Project Description:** This project will repair the Abney Elementary school to pre disaster condition. The scope of work is replacing walls, floors, ceiling tile, doors and frames, and floor wall and ceiling insulation. The Hazard mitigation proposal will include replacing one hundred wood doors with hollow metal doors.

## 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:** This project meets the Criteria for an Alternative Arrangements Permanent Schools type of project. This project has conditions and requires mitigation under the other EHP laws.

**Correspondence/Consultation/References:**

## 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:**

**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:** FEMA's Programmatic Agreement (PA), dated December 3, 2004, provides for expedited project review under section 106 of the national historic preservation act (NHPA). The scope of work as submitted in this pw has been reviewed and meets the criteria outlined in Appendix A, Programmatic Allowances, Section I, item {d}R&R walkways, and Section II, Items {A}R&R interior building components, {b.1}R&R electrical/mechanical, {C.1}R&R doors, {E.1}roofing, {F.1}R&R insulation, and {h}R&R contents, of the document. In accordance with the PA, FEMA is not required to determine the national register eligibility of properties or to submit projects to the state historic preservation officer (SHPO) for review where the work performed meets these allowances. In keeping with the stipulations of the PA, all proposed repair activities should be done in-kind to match existing materials and form. Any change to the approved scope of work will require resubmission for re-evaluation under section 106. Non-compliance may jeopardize the receipt of federal funding. This concludes the section 106 review for this project.

**Correspondence/Consultation/References:** NHPA Determination made by A. Martinez, Historic 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 or 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 city of Slidell is enrolled in the national flood insurance program (NFIP), as of 12/16/1980. Site is located within an "AE" zone, area of 100-yr flooding, base flood elevation determined, as per flood insurance rate map (firm) panel number 220204 0010c, dated 04/21/1999. Project is replacement of a buildings, equipment and components. As per 44 CFR 9.11, Mitigation or minimization standards must be applied. Where possible, building contents, materials, and equipment (mechanical or electrical) must be elevated to or above advisory base flood elevations. In compliance with EO 11988, an 8-step process was completed and is attached. 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 LaGOHS/OEP and FEMA for inclusion in the permanent project files. A. Cramer fpm specialist

**Correspondence/Consultation/References:**  
 Determination made by A. Cramer FPM Specialist

**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:**  
1) No wetlands were observed during site visit or determined to be present by checking the USFWS National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) maps.  
**Correspondence/Consultation/References:**  
1) USFWS NWI map accessed on-line (<http://wetlandsfws.er.usgs.gov/wtlnds/launch.html>) July 31, 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 70458 are: 87.7% White, 8.8% Black and 1% Asian. The median household income in 1999 was \$ 45,728 and 9.5 % of families are below poverty level.  
**Correspondence/Consultation/References:** U.S. Census bureau 2000 data at <http://factfinder.census.gov>, referenced 7/28/06.

**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).

**V. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROJECT CONDITIONS**

Project Conditions:

**This project must comply with all conditions of the attached Programmatic Categorical Exclusion. In addition, the following conditions apply as a condition of FEMA funding reimbursement:**

- 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.

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

**REVIEWER AND APPROVALS**

Reviewer Name: Randal Daigle

Applicant: St. Tammany Parish School Board

Disaster/Emergency/Program/Project Title: DR 1603 -LA, Abney Elementary School Flood Damage Parish: St. Tammany

FEMA Environmental Reviewer.

Name:

Signature Randal Daigle . Date 8/10/2006.

FEMA Regional Environmental Officer or delegated approving official.

Name: WM. F. FOGAN

Signature [Signature] . Date 8/28/2006.