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Carol J. Wallace
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Attention: Review and Compliance
One Old State Capitol Plaza
Springfield, Illinois 62701

Re: Annual Report Regarding the Programmatic Agreement among the
Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Illinois State Historic Preservation Officer,
the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, and Participating Tribes

Dear Ms. Wallace:

Pursuant to paragraph I.B.1(d) of the captioned Programmatic Agreement (PA), FEMA is required to provide the PA's Signatories with an annual written report of activities conducted during each calendar year. Enclosed, find a copy of the report for projects approved in 2024.

Per paragraph I.B.1(e), any signatory to the PA who would like to have FEMA call a meeting of the signatories to review the report and/or discuss any issues may contact me to do so.

FEMA used programmatic allowances on more than 200 undertakings in the State during 2024.

In addition to relieving the SHPO of the burden of routine reviews, the PA also reduces that time needed for FEMA and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency to approve funding for disaster recovery projects. Normal regulatory review under Section 106 of the NHPA takes an average of forty-five days. The PA allows FEMA to make independent compliance decisions on routine projects, allowing review to be completed in two days or less. This reduction in the time required for review translates into faster disbursement of recovery funds, which is in the best interests of the recipients of disaster recovery funding in Illinois.

If you have any questions after reviewing this report, feel free to contact me at 312-408-5549 or fema-r5-environmental@fema.dhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Duane Castaldi
Regional Environmental Officer
FEMA Region 5

Enclosures

cc: J. Brent Hamilton, Illinois Emergency Management Agency

Julie Pfeifer, Illinois Emergency Management Agency

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Alan Kelley, THPO, Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska



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***2024 Annual Report Regarding the Programmatic Agreement among
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and Participating Tribes***

Requirement:

Paragraph I.B.1(d) of the captioned programmatic agreement (PA) requires FEMA to provide the Signatories with an annual written report of activities conducted under this PA. The report is to summarize the actions taken to implement the terms of this Agreement, provide statistics on Undertakings reviewed, and recommend any actions or revisions to be considered, including updates to the appendices.

This report includes the following information:

- A summary of projects approved under allowances organized by FEMA program,
- A list of properties determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places,
- A summary of archaeological activities conducted under the program,
- FEMA's views regarding the effectiveness of the agreement, and
- Suggestions for additional actions to be considered for adoption as programmatic allowances.

This report includes only projects *approved for funding* by FEMA during the 2024 calendar year under one or more programmatic allowances. It does not include:

- Undertakings approved after full Section 106 consultation,
- Undertakings providing emergency protective measures, which are not subject to Section 106 review,
- Undertakings without the potential to affect historic properties,
- Undertakings reviewed under the FCC nationwide programmatic agreements,
- Undertakings previously reviewed and resubmitted for cost adjustments,
- Undertakings currently under review for environmental / historic preservation compliance, and
- Undertakings funded under Public Assistance COVID disaster DR-4489-IL, reporting for which is being done under the ACHP's "Emergency Situation Procedures Regarding Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act Compliance for Federal Emergency Management Agency Undertakings Responding to COVID-19 Disasters and Emergencies," implemented on May 14, 2020, as amended.

Although project counts do not include those undergoing consultation under 36 CFR Part 800, the list of properties determined eligible for listing is drawn from all FEMA

undertakings during 2023. The section on archaeological activities covers all FEMA program activities as well.

In addition to these reporting requirements, in accord with Stipulation I.B(1)(b) FEMA is including in this report a formal statement regarding recipients authorized to initiate Section 106 consultation with SHPO on FEMA's behalf.

Project Summary:

Total Number of Projects Approved under programmatic allowances: 209

Approved projects are summarized below by program.

Public Assistance Grant Program

DR-4116: Severe storms, straight-line winds April 16, 2013, and May 5, 2013, affecting forty (40) counties.

Projects Meeting Programmatic Allowances 1 *

I.A. Ground Disturbing Activities and Site Modification	0
I.B. Buildings and Structures	0
I.C. Transportation Facilities.....	0
I.D. Warning Sirens.....	0
I.E. Vector Control.	0
II.A Ground Disturbing Activities and Site Work	1
II.B Buildings and Structures	0
II.C Transportation Facilities.....	0
II.D Utilities, Communications Systems and Towers	0
II.E Water Resource Management and Controls.....	0

DR-4461: Severe storms and flooding February 24, 2019 - July 03, 2019, affecting twenty-eight (28) counties.

Projects Meeting Programmatic Allowances 1 *

I.A. Ground Disturbing Activities and Site Modification	0
I.B. Buildings and Structures	0
I.C. Transportation Facilities.....	0
I.D. Warning Sirens.....	0
I.E. Vector Control.	0
II.A Ground Disturbing Activities and Site Work	1
II.B Buildings and Structures	0

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II.C Transportation Facilities.....	1
II.D Utilities, Communications Systems and Towers.....	0
II.E Water Resource Management and Controls.....	0

DR-4489: COVID-19 Pandemic January 20, 2020 – May 11, 2023, affecting the state of Illinois.

Projects Meeting Programmatic Allowances 4*

I.A. Ground Disturbing Activities and Site Modification	1
I.B. Buildings and Structures	0
I.C. Transportation Facilities.....	0
I.D Warning Sirens.....	0
I.E Vector Control.	0
II.A Ground Disturbing Activities and Site Work	0
II.B Buildings and Structures	0
II.C Transportation Facilities.....	1
II.D Utilities, Communications Systems and Towers	1
II.E Water Resource Management and Controls.....	0
II.F Geotechnical Studies.....	1
II.G Waste/Storm/Rain/Meltwater Systems (sewerage & drainage); Gravity systems as well as vacuum and effluent systems.....	1

DR-4728: Severe storms and flooding June 29, 2023 - July 2, 2023, affecting twenty-two (22) counties.

Projects Meeting Programmatic Allowances 85*

I.A. Ground Disturbing Activities and Site Modification	48
I.B. Buildings and Structures	9
I.C. Transportation Facilities.....	1
I.D Warning Sirens.....	1
I.E Vector Control.	0
II.A Ground Disturbing Activities and Site Work	9
II.B Buildings and Structures	8
II.C Transportation Facilities.....	1
II.D Utilities, Communications Systems and Towers	24

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II.E Water Resource Management and Controls..... 0

DHS Grant Programs

Projects Meeting Programmatic Allowances119*

I.A Ground Disturbing Activities and Site Modification..... 15

I.B Buildings and Structures 48

I.C Transportation Facilities 0

I.D Warning Sirens. 0

I.E Vector Control..... 0

II.A Ground Disturbing Activities and Site Work..... 24

II.B Buildings and Structures140

II.C Transportation Facilities 0

II.D Utilities, Communications Systems and Towers..... 32

II.E Water Resource Management and Controls 0

Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant Program

Projects Meeting Programmatic Allowances 0*

I.A Ground Disturbing Activities and Site Modification..... 0

I.B Buildings and Structures 0

I.C Transportation Facilities 0

I.D Warning Sirens. 0

I.E Vector Control..... 0

II.A Ground Disturbing Activities and Site Work..... 0

II.B Buildings and Structures 0

II.C Transportation Facilities 0

II.D Utilities, Communications Systems and Towers..... 0

II.E Water Resource Management and Controls 0

Properties Found Eligible for Listing in the National Register:

FEMA is not required to determine eligibility of resources affected by undertakings meeting the programmatic allowances, and such undertakings constitute the majority of projects reviewed each year. For undertakings reviewed in consultation with the SHPO during 2024, of the properties eligible for or already listed on the National Register of Historic Places, three (3) properties were found newly eligible for listing:

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1.) NSGP IL 2023-UA-00013 (47888)

McLeansboro IL First Baptist Church

FEMA found McLeansboro IL First Baptist Church located at 302 E Market St McLeansboro, IL 62859 to be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A and Criterion C for its architecture and as a religious property deriving primary significance from architectural or artistic merit.

2) EMC IL 2022-FM-002-007

City of Ottawa YMCA Demolition

FEMA found Dougherty Manor building at 900 Paul Street, constructed in the 1960s, to be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places at the local level under Criterion A in Community Planning and Development and Criterion C in Architecture.

3) NSGP IL 2022-UA-00013 (48413)

Yeshiva Gedola of the Midwest- Security Enhancements

FEMA found 6022 N Stevens Avenue, to display characteristics of the Mid-Century modern style in a building use type and scale that is unique to the area, eligible for listing on the NRHP under Criterion C for its architecture.

Undertakings Requiring Archaeological Activities:

Two archaeological surveys supporting a FEMA-funded project approved in 2024 were undertaken:

1) LPDM IL LPDM-PJ-05-IL-2022-002 (0)

North Chicago Skokie River Improvements

Phase I Archaeological Survey of the North Chicago Storm Sewer Project, Lake County, Illinois (LPDM-PJ-05-IL-2022-002)

The Phase I Archeological Survey was prepared by Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc., and located no archaeological material resulted after conducting eleven (11) shovel test pits. FEMA reviewed the survey and submitted the findings to the IL SHPO on March 27, 2024. IL SHPO concurred in its response to FEMA on April 26, 2024 (IL SHPO Log# 016032724).

2) LPDM IL LPDM-PJ-05-IL-2023-004

Palos Hills Roberts Road Drainage Improvements

Phase I Archaeological Survey of the City of Palos Hills, Roberts Road Drainage Improvements, City of Palos Hills, Cook County, Illinois

The Phase I Archaeological Survey was prepared by Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc., and encountered mid-nineteenth to mid-twentieth-century ceramics, vessel bottle glass fragments, window glass fragments, cylindrical rod, wire nails, and a metal wheel mechanism after conducting 128 shovel test pits. The material did not meet the requirements for National Register eligibility and no further archaeological work was recommended. FEMA reviewed the survey and submitted the findings to the IL

SHPO on August 20, 2024. IL SHPO concurred in its response to FEMA on September 16, 2024 (IL SHPO Log# 00808224).

FEMA's Views Regarding the Effectiveness of the Agreement:

FEMA is satisfied with the agreement and finds that it has increased effectiveness and efficiency of reviews for undertakings funded by both disaster and grant programs.

Suggested Additions to Programmatic Allowances:

None at this time.

Recipient Authorized to Initiate Section 106 Consultation:

There are currently no authorized recipients initiating Section 106 consultation on FEMA's behalf in Illinois. Any attempt to initiate consultation for FEMA-funded undertakings by anyone other than FEMA should be brought to FEMA's attention by email or telephone.

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