

Unified Public Assistance Project Decision Team  
Eligibility Decision  
Decision Date: March 27, 2009

Dispute #: 12  
Subgrantee: City of Slidell  
DR: 1603  
PW(s): 16127  
Project: Municipal Auditorium

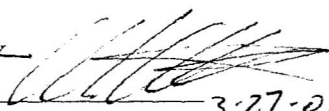
Description of Dispute

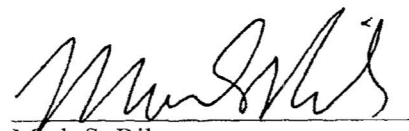
- (1) Technical feasibility of floodwall as 406 mitigation measure or code requirement per local floodplain management ordinance,
- (2) Eligibility of replacement building versus repair.

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Concur with applicant on item 1. Further evaluation needed to determine eligibility of item 2.

- (1) FEMA has determined the construction of an "I-Wall" around the perimeter of the building is eligible under "NFIP Compliance". The applicant disputes the technical feasibility of any type of flood wall based on the limitations between the facility and the fire station, the required design-height of the wall, the rate of inundation, and other technical and practical reasons. The July 16, 2008 letter from Burk-Kleinpeter, Inc. to the Slidell City Engineer outlines the reasons such a wall is technically infeasible. The FEMA Public Assistance Project Decision Team concurs with the explanation in said letter of July 16, 2008.
- (2) Further evaluation of the applicant's proposal for a replacement building (including technically feasible options to comply with the local floodplain management ordinance and possible 406 mitigation proposals) is needed to determine eligible scope of work and costs. A follow-up meeting or site visit will be scheduled.

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- Concur  
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