

Unified Public Assistance Project Decision Team  
Eligibility Decision  
Decision Date: May 22, 2009

Dispute #: 13  
Subgrantee: City of New Orleans  
DR: 1603  
PW(s): Multiple  
Project: Eligibility of Conclusions of the "Katrina Flood Damage Evaluation of Steel Frames Public Buildings in New Orleans; Final Phase I Report, February 2009"

Description of Dispute


Determine if the report listed above provides sufficient information to allow eligibility of replacement buildings studied in the report.

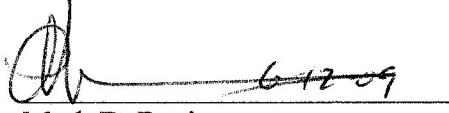
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The report's primary conclusion in the executive summary is "that a more comprehensive and in-depth assessment of these conditions is required to develop a beneficial best-practice oriented rehabilitation strategy." Therefore, the report itself can not be used directly to determine eligible scopes of work or eligible costs for the public buildings studied in the report.

However, the report provides useful information in the understanding of the corrosion related effects on structures and structural components subjected to flooding from brackish waters. This information will be used on a case-by-case analysis of the structures studied in the report, and other structures as appropriate, which is occurring currently among FEMA, the State, and applicant.

Therefore, the Unified Public Assistance Project <sup>decision team</sup> will not support the use of this report to directly determine eligibility. Rather, each building will be tracked separately and should project-specific disputes arise, evaluate the eligibility determinations on a case-by-case basis.

  
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