



LIBERTY LOAN BUILDING
INSTALLATION OF EMERGENCY GENERATOR
14th and D Streets, SW
Washington, DC

Delegated Action of the Executive Director
September 2, 2004

Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on October 3, 1996, I approve the preliminary site and building plan for the installation of an emergency generator for the Liberty Loan Building located at 14th and D Streets, SW, as shown on NCPC Map File No. 1.74(38.00)-41446, and advises the General Services Administration to include information in the submission for final approval showing the exact location of the proposed underground fuel tank, measures to be taken to prevent damage to adjacent National Park Service property, and screening for the existing dumpster.

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The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) has submitted preliminary and final site and building plans for the installation of an emergency generator for the Liberty Loan Building located at 14th and D Streets, SW. The emergency generator will provide back up electric service for elevators, emergency lighting, and security, fire alarm and other critical building systems. The generator will be located on the south side exterior of the building in an existing screened dumpster area (approximately 117 square feet). The existing grade will be lowered and some of the existing screen walls will be raised to conceal the emergency generator. A 2,500 gallon, fuel tank for the generator will be installed underground in the south lawn, to the east of the existing exit ramp.

Under a Programmatic Agreement (PA) between GSA and the District of Columbia Historic Preservation Office (DCSHPO), GSA determined that the emergency generator installation will have no adverse effect upon adjacent historic properties. Staff has determined that the project qualifies as a categorical exclusion as specified by Section 8 of the NCPC Environmental Procedures. The Coordinating Committee reviewed this item at its meeting on September 15,

2004. Representatives of the District of Columbia Office of Planning, the District Department of Transportation, the Department of Housing and Community Development, the National Park Service (NPS) and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, withheld coordination due to the lack of information on the fuel tank, the impact of construction on adjacent property, and screening for the existing dumpster. Representatives of the other two agencies present, NCPC and the General Services Administration, noted these concerns but agreed to coordinate.

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Executive Director