



**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT
ENGINE COMPANY NUMBER 15
RENOVATION AND MODERNIZATION
2101 Fourteenth Street, SE
Washington, DC**

Delegated Action of the Executive Director

November 26, 2004

Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on October 3, 1996, I approve the preliminary and final design plans for the renovation and modernization of Engine Company Number 15 of the District of Columbia Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department, located in Southeast Washington, DC including construction of a complete second story addition above an existing one-story building, as shown on NCPC Map File No. 82.00(38.00)41482.

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The District of Columbia Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department (DC FEMS) is implementing a capital program to modernize its fire stations by replacing deteriorated building system components and architectural features at various station houses as needed. The goal is to provide a safe working environment for employees and the public as part of DC FEMS overall compliance with the District's Building Codes and Occupational Safety and Health Administration requirements.

The DC FEMS proposes to construct a two-story addition consisting of 6,468 square feet as second story dormitory space and 969 square feet at ground level to an existing 11,887 square foot one-story building. Much of the addition will be set back from 14th Street, SE and partially hidden from view by the higher apparatus bays in front. Staff advises the applicant to ensure a reasonable match between the existing brick and that used for the addition.

The Coordinating Committee coordinated the project at its meeting on November 10, 2004. The proposed addition as submitted conforms to the Commission's Categorical Exclusion requirements at Section 8 of the Commission's Environmental Procedures. Engine Company 15 was built in 1969 and is not a historic structure, but it is located within the Anacostia Historic District. The fire station is near the Frederick Douglass Home, but does not affect views to or from the Home. The design concept has been approved by the D.C. Historic Preservation Review Board. The project is not in the Central Area and no Section 106 review is required.

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Executive Director