

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT
ENGINE COMPANY NUMBER 12
INSTALLATION OF HAZARDOUS MATERIAL UNIT FACILITY
2225 Fifth Street, NE
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 renovation and modernization of Engine Company Number 12 of the District of Columbia Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department, located in Northeast Washington, DC including a one-story addition of a Hazardous Materials Unit Facility (HMUF) to an existing two-story structure, as shown on NCPC Map File No. 51.00(38.00)41500.

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The District of Columbia Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department (DC FEMS) is implementing a capital program to modernize its 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 1,216 square foot one-story addition to an existing two-story 13,860 square foot building to house a Hazardous Materials Unit. The addition will be faced with pre-cast concrete panels to match the existing building and will be located at the rear of the fire station. The addition will be largely screened from views along Rhode Island Avenue by an existing tower at the rear of the station and by an existing wall along Rhode Island

Avenue. The design and location of the addition will assure functionality without significant visual impact either from 5th Street or from Rhode Island Avenue.

The Coordinating Committee coordinated the project at its meeting on November 10, 2004. The proposed renovation as submitted conforms to the Commission's Categorical Exclusion requirements at Section 8 of the Commission's Environmental Procedures. The station was built in 1987 and is outside the Central Area and is, therefore, not subject to Section 106 review.

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Executive Director