

**VETERANS ADMINISTRATION  
EMERGENCY GENERATOR EXHAUST STACK AND ENCLOSURE**  
Silver Spring Metro Center 1, East/West Highway and Colesville Road,  
Montgomery County, Maryland

**Delegated Action of the Executive Director**  
April 29, 2004

Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on October 3, 1996, I approve the preliminary and final site and building plans for an emergency generator exhaust stack and enclosure at the Veterans Administration, Silver Spring Metro Center 1, East/West Highway and Colesville Road, Montgomery County, Maryland, as shown on NCPC Map File No. 3201.00(38.00)-41357.

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The General Services Administration (GSA) has submitted preliminary and final site and building plans for an emergency generator stack and enclosure at the Veterans Administration (VA). The VA is a GSA tenant in the Silver Spring Metro Center 1 Building located at East-West Highway and Colesville Road in Silver Spring, Montgomery County, Maryland. An emergency generator and power distribution system is required to supply power to the VA computer room in the event of a power outage. The new generator would ensure a minimum of 48 hours of operation. The generator installation would include all systems required to support the operation of the generator including an outdoor exhaust stack via an existing air shaft on East/West Highway. The emergency generator outdoor exhaust stack would be housed in an enclosure. The square enclosure would be approximately 15 feet high and covered with metal panels painted white with the letters VA painted blue. The exhaust stack enclosure would match an existing exhaust stack enclosure located on East/West Highway in front of the Silver Spring Metro Center 2 Building.

The GSA has determined that the project qualifies as a Categorical Exclusion under its procedures to implement the National Environmental Policy Act. GSA further advises that no historic properties are in the vicinity and therefore would not be affected.

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Executive Director