

**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, J. EDGAR HOOVER BUILDING
AIR INTAKE SHAFTS**
935 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C.

Delegated Action of the Executive Director

July 28, 2005

Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on October 3, 1996, I approve the preliminary site and building plans for Air Intake Shafts, Federal Bureau of Investigation, J. Edgar Hoover Building, 935 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington D.C., as shown on NCPC Map File No. 1.25(38.00)41644.

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The General Services Administration has submitted a proposal to construct two air intake shafts over the existing garage intakes at the Federal Bureau of Investigation's J. Edgar Hoover Building at 935 Pennsylvania Avenue. The existing air intakes, located at the northeast and northwest corners of the building, have been temporarily boarded over with plywood since September 11, 2001. As a result of the FBI security assessment, these intakes were deemed a security risk in that their location in the "moat" along E Street was too close to the sidewalks and below the level of pedestrians, and would provide easy access for any type of chemical attack on the intake system. The new shafts would extend up to a maximum height of 28 feet above the adjacent sidewalk level. The chimneys would slope at an angle downwards away from the building to a height of 10 feet at its closest point to the sidewalk. The shafts would be pre-cast concrete panels to match the exterior of the building and capped with grilles. The Coordinating Committee reviewed and coordinated the proposal at its July 13, 2005 meeting. The General Services Administration advises that it has determined that the proposal is a Categorical Exclusion pursuant to the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act. GSA further advises that the proposal is exempt from the provisions of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended.

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