



**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING
MAIN AND ANNEX BUILDINGS
PERIMETER SECURITY LIGHTING
14th and C Streets, SW
Washington, DC**

Delegated Action of the Executive Director

April 27, 2007

Pursuant to delegation of authority adopted by the Commission on October 3, 1996, I approve the final site and building plans for perimeter security lighting at the Main and Annex Buildings of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing at 14th and C Streets, SW, in Washington, DC, as shown on NCPC Map File No. 1.74(38.40)42215.

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The Department of the Treasury has submitted final site and building plans for the installation of lighting around the perimeter of both the Main and Annex Buildings of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. Improved lighting will be provided for the Annex Building primarily by the installation of street lights according to the District of Columbia Department of Transportation's (DDOT's) streetscape manual: Sixteen and twenty-foot single and double-globe light standards. The existing city-provided pendant-style, high pressure sodium street light fixtures will be converted to metal halide fixtures using conversion kits. The existing street lights are mounted on 28-foot poles. The new metal halide lamps are 400 watts and meet DDOT standards.

At the Main Building, high intensity discharge lights will be installed on the grounds and in some locations on the building, including in the soffit above the entrance on 15th Street, SW—the formal, columned façade of the building that faces West Potomac Park. Staff attended a nighttime lighting mock-up in September 2005 to judge the quality, intensity, and placement of the lights, and made comments at that time that have been incorporated in the current

submission. In addition, the lights will be installed so that they can be moved or the light adjusted as necessary.

The Coordinating Committee reviewed the proposal on April 11, 2007, and forwarded the proposal to the Commission with the statement that the project had been coordinated with all participating agencies. In addition, Treasury consulted the National Park Service independently during the planning phase of the project.

Since NCPC has approval authority over this project, it has an obligation to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act. This project is categorically excluded from further environmental review under NCPC's Categorical Exclusion Section 8(C)(21) because the proposal is an improvement of an existing facility where all of the following conditions are met: (a) the structure and proposed use are in compliance with local planning and zoning and any applicable District of Columbia, state, or federal requirements; (b) the proposed use will not substantially increase the number of motor vehicles at the facility; (c) the site and the scale of construction are consistent with those of existing adjacent or nearby buildings; and (d) there is no evidence of community controversy or other environmental issues. No extraordinary circumstances are present.

As a federal agency, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing has its own NEPA obligations and has determined the proposal adheres to its categorical exclusion provisions as identified by the U.S. Department Of Treasury's environmental procedures, Environment And Planning (45 FR 1828) and specified by Treasury Directive 75-02.

The Bureau has determined that the proposed lighting plan will not adversely affect the Bureau of Engraving and Printing Main or Annex Buildings. The District of Columbia State Historic Preservation Officer has previously reviewed the results of the 2005 lighting mock-up and has concurred with the determination. Staff also concurs with the Bureau's determination.

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