



VOICE OF AMERICA

Temporary Emergency Generator

300 Independence Avenue, SW
Wilbur J. Cohen Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Delegated Action of the Executive Director

Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on August 6, 1999, I approve the preliminary and final site and building plans for a temporary emergency generator to be located at the Wilbur J. Cohen Office Building, as shown on NCPC Map 1.71(38.00)42425, for a period not to exceed two years.

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The General Services Administration has submitted, on behalf of the Voice of America, the siting of a temporary emergency generator at the Wilbur J. Cohen Office Building. GSA proposes to install a temporary, above-ground, emergency power generator along C Street, SW, to be used by the Voice of America studios. This emergency power generator is trailer mounted and will come to the site on its own wheels and will be parked on GSA property in the Cohen Building parking lot located along C Street, SW. The two-megawatt, 45-ton trailer is 44 feet long, 8 feet wide and 13.5 feet high. The generator will be tested occasionally and be used, as needed, during power outage emergencies.

Staff has reviewed the proposed action under the National Environmental Policy Act and determined that it conforms to the NCPC Categorical Exclusion requirements under §8(C)(1) of the agency's Environmental and Historic Preservation Policies and Procedures. Staff also concurs with GSA that their proposed action conforms to GSA Categorical Exclusion §5.4(b). Staff has reviewed and concurs with the Historic Preservation Consultants Report submitted by GSA to the D.C. State Historic Preservation Office. The D.C. State Historic Preservation Office has submitted a no adverse effect concurrence letter in response to this report. This action satisfies Section 106 requirements.

The Coordinating Committee reviewed the proposal at its December 12, 2007 meeting and forwarded it to the Commission with the statement that the project has been coordinated with all agencies represented. The participating agencies were NCPC, the District of Columbia Office of Planning, the District Department of Transportation and the General Services Administration.

Marcel C. Acosta
Acting Executive Director