



EISENHOWER EXECUTIVE OFFICE BUILDING
PHASE III MODERNIZATION
Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C.

Delegated Action of the Executive Director

May 30, 2008

Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on October 3, 1996, I approve the preliminary and final building plans for the Phase III Modernization of the Eisenhower Executive Office Building on Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C., as shown on NCPC Map File No. 1.32(38.40)42552.

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The General Services Administration (GSA) has submitted preliminary and final building plans for the Phase III modernization of the Eisenhower Executive Office Building. Phases I and II, which included the same kind of work as the current submission, were reviewed and approved by the Commission in October 2003 and September 2005. Phase III addresses the northeast corner of the building facing Pennsylvania Avenue, NW and West Executive Drive. The preponderance of the renovation is interior work, but the masonry exterior of the National Historic Landmark building is also being repaired and cleaned. GSA has submitted detailed documentation of the current conditions of the stone and the methods for repair and cleaning, being performed to the highest standards. In addition, the doors and the window sash are being replaced. The current sash is not original, and dates to the 1970s. The aluminum double-hung sash being installed throughout the building provides blast protection while matching the original sash in size, configuration, and muntin profile. The original cast iron window surrounds will be reinstalled. The replacement sash is an excellent model for retrofitted windows, and GSA is to be commended for the careful restoration and rehabilitation of the building, which is a nationally notable example of the Second Empire style.

GSA has determined that the project qualifies for a Categorical Exclusion under its NEPA procedures. The staff has determined that it also qualifies for a Categorical Exclusion under the Commission's Environmental and Historic Preservation Policies and Procedures (Exclusion #2)

as a replacement of features such as windows and doors. The building is part of the White House Complex and therefore is exempt from review under Section 106 (per Section 107) of the National Historic Preservation Act.

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