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Sent: Tuesday, June 26, 2018 1:11 PM
To: Askin, Tim; Mannan, Michael; Mishefske, Thomas; Sam Ciminero; Rick Freitag
Cc: Cole, Preston; Bauman, Robert; Owczarski, Jim; Hatala, Carlen
Subject: RE: Milwaukee Federal Building & U.S. Courthouse Masonry Rehabilitation & Repair

All,

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention. All of the information provided to you below is correct with respect to abrasive cleaning of properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

In my initial review of this matter in November of 2017, I recognized that this application of micro-abrasive technology is anticipated to address existing accretions affecting the surface of the masonry, to repair specific damage to the masonry that has developed over time, and to rehabilitate those previously damaged areas of the existing masonry. This technique is not intended to affect the underlying, original sound stone. (See Mills + Schnoering Architects, LLC report: Milwaukee Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse Façade Restoration, GS-05-P-16-GB-C-7004 Final Concept Submission, Section II, pg. 3, 1. Exfoliation.). The work is not a general, wholesale “cleaning of the building.” The specifications for use are detailed and clear, addressing the identified scaling condition affecting the masonry façade, through appropriate testing, to ensure that the original façade is rehabilitated and undamaged.

After reviewing again the original project materials, I believe that this use of abrasive descaling technology is consistent with State law pertaining to listed properties and abrasive treatments.

With questions, please contact me. Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Chip Brown

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A call was placed to Ms. Nally at 12:33 pm. A call was placed to Chip Brown at the Wisconsin Historical Society at 845am.

I must await responses from both before proceeding any further.

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NEW OFFICE LOCATION
Zeidler Municipal Building
841 N. Broadway, Rm B1

From: Mannan, Michael
Sent: Tuesday, June 26, 2018 9:11 AM
To: Mishefske, Thomas; Askin, Tim
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This project has state approval for the cleaning with stone exfoliation by sponge-Jet micro-abrasive process. The state even wrote on attachment #2 "terrific plans".

I spoke with Tim and the General Contractor this morning on the importance of moving this through asap if an COA is needed. The Tradesmen Group stated it wasn't needed because of the Federal jurisdiction and because it was a budgeted item in the Congressional Budget. They will be taken this up to the Regional office in Chicago for the delay that has resulted. They do solicit local authorities in regard to the chemical waste and disposal and we regulate that under a masonry cleaning permit—which was approved.

Based on the info provided yesterday, DNS shut down the project, and it is currently shut down costing the contractor and delaying other item sensitive projects. They are also concerned that also the appearance of being shut down as they have hired 2 foremost historic designers for this project and met all Federal requirements.

If a COA is still needed for any portion, the repair or cleaning, please expedite. I have also provided the contacts in historic preservation to the Tradesmans Group.

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Subject: RE: Milwaukee Federal Building & U.S. Courthouse Masonry Rehabilitation & Repair

Good afternoon,
We investigating and will get back to you shortly.
Thanks,

Tom Mishefske

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I concur. How did this happen?

From: Askin, Tim
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Cc: Hatala, Carlen; Owczarski, Jim; Bauman, Robert; Mishefske, Thomas
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Mr. Laritson:

The building cleaning permit for the federal courthouse at 517 E. Wisconsin (MBC-18-00001) was issued in error. It was issued in violation of state law which prohibits abrasive cleaning of historic buildings. Historic Preservation review was also mistakenly approved by the environmental staff without contacting Historic Preservation. Please take whatever enforcement action you can.

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From: Bauman, Robert
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Do it.

From: Askin, Tim
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To: Owczarski, Jim; Bauman, Robert
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Cleaning was also not part of the project overview submitted to the state. It is also arguably against state law. If they cannot prove specific authorization from the state for the abrasive cleaning, we can stop the project under state law.

Wis. Stat. § 101.1215

101.1215 Abrasive cleaning of historic buildings. (1) In this section: (a) "Abrasive cleaning method" means any cleaning procedure that uses any of the following methods or tools: 1. Abrasive materials, including sand, glass beads, ground slag, volcanic ash, crushed nutshells, rice husks, ground corncobs or crushed eggshells, carried in high-pressure or low-pressure air or water. 2. High-pressure water. (b) "Qualified historic building" has the meaning given in s. 101.121 (2) (c). (2) No person may use an abrasive cleaning method on the exterior of qualified historic buildings, except as authorized by department rule. Wisconsin Historic Preservation Statutes Page 27 (3) The department, in consultation with the state historical society and the department of administration, shall promulgate rules on the use of abrasive cleaning methods on the exterior of qualified historic buildings. The department may permit the use of any specific abrasive cleaning method only if it determines that the abrasive cleaning method will not cause irreparable damage to the building material to which it is applied. (4) (a) Any person who uses an abrasive cleaning method in violation of this section may be required to forfeit not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000 for each offense. Each day of continue violation constitutes a separate offense. (b) Any owner of a qualified historic building who causes or permits the use of an abrasive cleaning method in violation of this section may be required to forfeit not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000 for each offense. Each day of continued violation constitutes a separate offense. History: 1993 a. 471, s. 13.

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Sent: Monday, June 25, 2018 3:12 PM
To: Askin, Tim
Subject: Milwaukee Federal Building & U.S. Courthouse Masonry Rehabilitation & Repair

Hi Tim,

Attached is our SHPO concurrence form and the cover letter submitted with this project. If you need more specific information on the project, Chip Brown reviewed it and you can reach him at 608-264-6508 or chip.brown@wisconsinhistory.org.

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