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**RE: Delaware Coastal Management Program — Federal Consistency Negative
Determination for ND Children's Beach House Improvements (FC 2026.0027)**

Dear Scott Rifkin,

The Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) Coastal Management Program (DCMP) has completed its review of the above referenced project. This letter is in response to the federal consistency negative determination received by this office on July 8, 2026, submitted by AZ-RI Consultants on behalf of the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

PROPOSED ACTION

The Children's Beach House proposes to utilize a HUD Community Project Funding grant for capital improvements of two existing buildings at 1800 Bay Avenue, Lewes, Delaware. The scope of work consists of the repair and replacement of windows and doors, improvements to the HVAC system, and replacement of ceiling tiles. All work will be performed within the existing building footprint; there will be no expansion of the footprint and no ground disturbance. HUD has determined there will not be coastal effects as a result of this activity.

FEDERAL CONSISTENCY UNDER THE COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT ACT

Pursuant to the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) of 1972, as amended, each federal agency activity within or outside the coastal zone that can have reasonably foreseeable effects on any land or water use or natural resource of the coastal zone shall

be carried out in a manner which is consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of approved state management programs. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is required to review and approve a proposed state management program for it to become effective.

Under the CZMA implementing regulations, Federal Consistency with Approved Coastal Management Programs (15 CFR 930), subpart C, if a federal agency determines that there will not be coastal effects, then the federal agency shall provide the state agencies with a negative determination for a federal agency activity, which has been identified by a state on a list or through case-by-case monitoring, is the same or similar to other activities for which a negative determination has been issued in the past, or for which the federal agency undertook a thorough analysis of coastal effects. A negative determination may be submitted to state agencies in any written form so long as it contains a brief description of the activity, the activity's location, and the basis for the federal agency's determination that the activity will not affect any coastal use or resource.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

In accordance with 15 CFR §930.35(c), state agencies are not required to provide public notice of the receipt of a negative determination or the resolution of an objection to a negative determination, unless a federal agency submits a consistency determination pursuant to 15 CFR §930.34.

FEDERAL CONSISTENCY ANALYSIS

The DCMP has considered the possible coastal effects of this project in relation to the Program policies. The project is not likely to impact any coastal resources, given that the proposed repairs are limited to internal and minor structural repairs of an existing building. There is no work proposed to the external grounds.

CONCURRENCE

Based on its review and pursuant to 15 CFR 930, the DCMP concurs that the project as proposed above would result in no coastal effects.

Pursuant to 15 CFR 930.46, the applicant shall notify the DCMP of any proposed modifications to activities after receiving a decision from the DCMP. Modifications will be subject to supplemental federal consistency review if effects to any coastal use or resource will be substantially different than originally described.

Please be advised that this federal consistency review does not negate the need for other authorizations that may be required.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and respond to your federal consistency negative determination. If you have any questions, please contact me or Stephanie Zmina at (302) 739-9283.

Sincerely,



Jesse Hayden (Aug 12, 2026 16:07:48 EDT)

Jesse Hayden, Administrator
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