

# NPS

## Incident Action Plan

### 2011 Earthquake Assessment



Operational Period

October 3, 2011

0700 - 1900

<b>INCIDENT BRIEFING</b>	1. Incident Name 2011 Earthquake Assesment	2. Date 10/3/2011	3. Time 0700
<b>Summary of Current Actions</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interior assessment of WAMO completed</li> <li>• The following Monuments have been evaluated and determined to be safe for Public Access; Lincoln memorial, Thomas Jefferson Memorial, FDR Memorial, MLK Memorial.</li> <li>• Elevator Status <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 9/26 – The elevator has been certified for transportation of personnel at this time.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• WJE’s Final Safety Plan and Rope Access Plan for the exterior assessment was delivered on 9/23.</li> <li>• WJE’s Rope access equipment arrived and was evaluated by Brandon Latham of NPS and placed within the Monument. Rope and rigging equipment was moved to the observation level. NPS and WJE met with DC Fire/EMS and discussed emergency medical and rescue plans and walked through anchor and rigging systems.</li> <li>• A forty-five minute Press Conference was held on Monday September 26 at 1430 hrs on the grass panel between 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, Madison Drive and Jefferson Drive. The Division of Interpretation and Education will provide assistance around the site by providing information about the work to visitors.</li> <li>• The video of the earthquake from the top of the monument was made available by United States Park Police. The video may be viewed at <a href="http://www.nps.gov/nama">www.nps.gov/nama</a> or <a href="http://www.nps.gov/wamo">www.nps.gov/wamo</a> .</li> <li>• The access hatch is available for use for the duration of the project. The rigging has been completed and the work and safety lines are secured at the base of the monument.</li> <li>• Several lightning spikes, located on the flat aspects of the pyramid, may need to be removed. If so WJE will remove those that interfere with operations (spikes can be unscrewed) and replace them once the assessment is completed. The removal of these spikes will not compromise the overall system.</li> <li>• USPP and WJE are in constant contact with NOAA concerning possible inclement weather.</li> <li>• A 9:00am daily operations briefing will be held for the media on the grass panel between 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, Madison Drive and Jefferson Drive.</li> <li>• The close contact survey of the pyramidion began on Wednesday, September 28, 2011 and completed on Thursday, September 29, 2011.</li> <li>• Due to inclement weather the assessment of the monument was halted over the weekend (Oct 1-2).</li> </ul>			
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<b>INCIDENT OBJECTIVES</b> ICS-202	1. INCIDENT NAME <b>2011 Earthquake Evaluation</b>	2. DATE PREPARED <b>October 3, 2011</b>	3. TIME PREPARED <b>0700hrs</b>
4. OPERATIONAL PERIOD (DATE/TIME) <b>Monday October 3, 2011 / 0700 – 1900</b>			
GENERAL CONTROL OBJECTIVES FOR THE INCIDENT (INCLUDE ALTERNATIVES) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide for the safety of National Park Service personnel and contractors.</li> <li>2. Coordinate post-earthquake assessment activities by contractors with National Park Service staff, United States Park Police (USPP) and other governmental agencies.</li> <li>3. Take appropriate actions to protect the monuments that were damaged during the earthquake from additional water damage due to water infiltration.</li> <li>4. Determine if there is a potential for additional spalls or mortar to dislodge from the exterior of the Washington Monument and where possible mitigate this potential to the greatest degree practicable.</li> <li>5. Coordinate the repair and inspection of the Washington Monument elevator with the goal returning it to full operation.</li> <li>6. Provide <b>accurate</b> and timely information to park, regional, service, Department level managers and the media regarding the work that is being done to asses and protect the monument.</li> <li>7. Manage with cost efficiency without compromising the safety of employees and others working on the monument.</li> </ol>			
6. WEATHER FORECAST FOR OPERATIONAL PERIOD <p><b>This Afternoon:</b> Showers likely. Cloudy, with a high near 55. West wind around 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70%. New rainfall amounts of less than a tenth of an inch possible.</p> <p><b>Tonight:</b> A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 48. Light northwest wind. Chance of precipitation is 40%. New rainfall amounts of less than a tenth of an inch possible.</p> <p><b>Tuesday:</b> A slight chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 68. Northwest wind between 7 and 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.</p> <p><b>Tuesday Night:</b> Mostly clear, with a low around 51. Northwest wind around 7 mph.</p> <p><b>Wednesday:</b> Sunny, with a high near 74. North wind between 6 and 11 mph, with gusts as high as 21 mph.</p> <p><b>Wednesday Night:</b> Mostly clear, with a low around 49.</p> <p><b>Thursday:</b> Sunny, with a high near 69.</p> <p><b>Thursday Night:</b> Mostly clear, with a low around 47.</p>			

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**7. GENERAL/SAFETY MESSAGE**

**SAFETY:**

**SAFETY IS ALWAYS OUR FIRST PRIORITY.**

**ONLY AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL WITH HARDHATS ARE TO BE WITHIN THE FENCED AREA WHILE EVALUATORS ARE ON THE EXTERIOR OF THE MONUMENT.**

**THE WASHINGTON MONUMENT ELEVATOR HAS BEEN CERTIFIED TO CARRY PERSONNEL AT THIS TIME.**

During assessment operations, only NPS or WJE evaluators should be within the vehicle barrier wall around the Washington Monument. These individuals need to be readily identifiable with high visibility safety vest or an NPS uniform.

**GENERAL:**

**UNITED STATES PARK POLICE MUST BE NOTIFIED PRIOR TO OPENING ANY WINDOWS ON THE WASHINGTON MONUMENT.**

Only Mission critical personnel are to ascend into the pyramidion of the Washington Monument or on the ladders that go above the 500' observation level.

USPP will coordinate access to the site.

**9. PREPARED BY (PLANNING SECTION CHIEF)**

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**10. APPROVED BY (INCIDENT COMMANDER)**

<b>DIVISION ASSIGNMENT LIST</b>		1. Branch <b>Rope Access Team</b>	2. Division/Group	
3. Incident Name <b>2011 Earthquake Assessment</b>		4. Operational Period Date: <b>October 3, 2011</b> Time: <b>0700 – 1900</b>		
5. <b>Operations Personnel</b>				
NPS Representative		Project Manager		
WJE Project Supervisor		Rope Access Supervisor		
6. <b>Resources Assigned this Period</b>				
Names	Title	Cell Number	Drop Off PT./Time	Pick Up PT./Time
7. Control Operations				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Due to unfavorable weather conditions (high wind gusts) the assessment was suspended over the weekend.</li> <li>• The DAT resumed the assessment Monday morning at 9am.</li> </ul>				
8. Special Instructions				
<p><b>UNITED STATES PARK POLICE MUST BE NOTIFIED PRIOR TO OPENING ANY WINDOWS ON THE WASHINGTON MONUMENT.</b></p> <p><b>THE WASHINGTON MONUMENT ELEVATOR HAS BEEN CERTIFIED TO CARRY PERSONNEL AT THIS TIME.</b></p> <p><b>NO PERSONNEL ARE TO BE WITHIN THE FENCED AREA WHILE EVALUATORS ARE ON THE EXTERIOR OF THE MONUMNET.</b></p> <p>Only Mission critical personnel are to ascend into the pyramidion of the Washington Monument or on the ladders that go above the 500' observation level.</p> <p>USPP will coordinate access to the site.</p>				
Prepared by (Resource Unit Leader) Bethany Bagent		Approved by (Planning Section Chief)		Date 10-3-2011
				Time 0700 hrs