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COMBATING ENVIRONMENTAL RISK ASSOCIATED WITH ABANDONED BUILDING PROJECTS IN MINNA METROPOLIS IN NIGER STATE, NIGERIA**¹Kagara, A. B. (PhD) & ²Salihu, D. A.**

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Abstract; *The purpose of this study is to assess the strategies for combating environmental risk associated with abandoned building projects in Minna metropolis in Niger State, Nigeria. Two research questions and hypotheses guided the study. The study made use of descriptive survey research design. It was carried out in Minna metropolis in Niger State. The target population for the study is about 51 respondents made up of 21 Building Professional in Ministry of Land and 30 Building Professional in Urban Development Board in Niger State. There was no sampling due to relatively small size of the population. The instrument used for data collection was a 25 structured questionnaire which was validated by three experts and data were collected and analyzed using mean and standard deviation while the hypotheses were tested using t-test statistic. It was found out that all the 13 items as the environmental risk associated with abandoned building projects were agreed by the respondents and the 15 items as strategies that can be applied to overcome the risk associated with abandoned building projects were also agreed by the respondents. The study recommended that all building clients in Minna metropolis should ensure that no building projects commence without adequate planning to avoid the risk of abandonment that can pose environmental risk and Niger State Urban Development Board if possible should strictly abide by the strategies as agreed by the respondents for combating the risk associated with abandoned building projects.*

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