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Re: Proposed project- Early Site Permit Application at Clinton, Illinois Site

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for contacting the Delaware Nation regarding the above referenced project. The Delaware Nation is committed to protecting archaeological sites that are important to tribal heritage, culture, and religion. Furthermore, the tribe is particularly concerned with archaeological sites that may contain human burial remains and associated funerary objects.

Given the location of the proposed project, we request that you conduct a file search in conjunction with the State Office of Historic Preservation and the state's Archaeological Survey. These state agencies will advise you of the potential for archaeological resources, particularly sites of significant cultural interest or sites that contain human remains. Should either of these agencies determine that there are potentially significant archaeological sites in the area and that these sites are related to the tribe's heritage, the Delaware Nation requests that you contact our offices. Together with the SHPO and State Archaeologist, we will develop a plan to best protect these archaeological resources.

Should either of these agencies recommend an archaeological survey or test excavation of the proposed construction site, we ask that the Delaware Nation be informed of the results of the survey. The Delaware Nation also requests copies of any accompanying site forms or reports.

Also, any changes to the above referenced project should be resubmitted to the NAGPRA Director of the Delaware Nation for review.

Should this project inadvertently uncover an archaeological site and/or human remains, even after an archaeological survey, we request that you immediately contact the appropriate state agencies, as well as the Delaware Nation. Also, we ask that you halt all construction activities until the tribe and these state agencies are consulted.

We appreciate your cooperation in contacting the Delaware Nation. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Wahahrockah-Tasi M.H.R.  
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