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Subject: Comments on the Draft Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the
Proposed Louisiana Energy Services National Enrichment Facility

Dear Mr. Flanders:

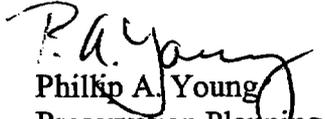
On 09 November 2004, the Historic Preservation Division (HPD) was pleased to receive your request for comments on the Draft MOA and Draft Treatment Plan for the proposed undertaking near Eunice, NM.

We believe the documents are much improved from earlier versions. We did note a mistake on Page 16, 4th paragraph of the Treatment Plan, where citing Meyer 1993 . . . The sentence reads "sedentary agriculturalists", and this should be "mobile hunters and gatherers." Starting with the previous sentence, it should state: "Some researchers believe that expedient lithic technology is associated with sedentary societies (cite references). Others, however, believe that it is more commonly associated with hunters and gathers (Meyer 1993, etc....)." We believe this was what Dr. Wheeler intended to write, but it got mixed up. An HPD archaeologist spoke to him about this, and he understood the Meyer 1993 argument.

We also recommend that the Treatment Plan should provide specific data needs (mutually exclusive data sets) for each question we're trying to answer. With mutually exclusive data sets, you can't say the presence of "lithics" is a key to defining a camp. Lithics are found on many different types of sites. However, you could say a specific type of tool, is expected at one site type, but not any other (depending on the site type and the assumptions presented by the researcher). Another would be that Pithouses are expected at villages, but not temporary camps, etc.

Anyway, thank you again for the opportunity to review this Draft. We look forward to seeing the finals. Feel free to call me at 505.827.6314 or Lisa Meyer at 505.827.7824 if you have any questions.

Sincerely


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