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We request that you review the draft EA and confirm whether any additional cultural resources have been identified that may be impacted by this project. Please provide your response by April 16, 2004.

If you have any questions, please call me at 301-415-7887, or e-mail at kmr@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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