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Ms. Josephine Piccone
Director, Division of Intergovernmental Liaison and Rulemaking
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
11545 Rockville Pike
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Dear Ms. Piccone:

We request your assistance in collecting information about Federal archeological responsibilities carried out in 2010. The Interior Departmental Consulting Archeologist and the National Park Service (NPS) Archeology Program prepare summary reports about Federal archeological activities based on data collected. Federal agencies have contributed data annually for these reports since 1985. Quantitative information for 1985-2008 and past reports are available at www.nps.gov/archeology/SRC/INDEX.HTM. These data have provided important guidance for several Congressional actions regarding archeological resources.

We count on your continued participation to make the 2010 report as accurate and complete as possible. The 2010 reporting form is available on the NPS Archeology Program web site at www.nps.gov/archeology/sites/FEDARCH.HTM, as is the Listing of Outlaw Treachery (LOOT) form. The LOOT Clearinghouse was established in 1987 as a tool to aid in investigations and prosecutions of looters and vandals. Submitting data with the LOOT form is a way for agencies to fulfill Archaeological Resources Protection Act Section 14(c) responsibilities to report cultural resource law cases.

Please complete the questionnaire and LOOT forms by **April 30, 2011**, and return them to the Departmental Consulting Archeologist via email to dca@nps.gov. If there are questions about the reporting process, please contact Dr. Karen Mudar of my staff at 202-354-2103; email karen_mudar@nps.gov.

I am pleased to inform you that the 2004-2007 report on Federal archeology has been completed. In addition to providing data and analysis, the report commemorates 25 years of reporting on Federal archeology by presenting an overview of efforts to provide information about archeological stewardship over the past three decades. In order to reduce the environmental impact of producing and distributing the report, we have made it available as a downloadable pdf on the NPS Archeology Program website at www.nps.gov/archeology/SRC/INDEX.HTM.

Thank you for your continuing support of this important review and report.

Sincerely,

Daniel Odess, Ph.D.
Acting Departmental Consulting Archeologist

cc: Richard Turtill, Federal Preservation Officer (electronic copy)
Stuart Easson, Cultural Resource Specialist (electronic copy)