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SUBJECT: CONSULTATION FOR SECTION 106 OF THE NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT FOR U.S. ARMY'S LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST TO POSSESS DEPLETED URANIUM FROM THE DAVY CROCKETT M101 SPOTTING ROUNDS AT VARIOUS INSTALLATIONS, INCLUDING DONNELLY TRAINING AREA, FORT WAINWRIGHT, AK

Dear Ms. Bittner:

On October 21, 2015, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) requested the views of the State of Alaska's State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) regarding historic properties that may be affected by the issuance of a license amendment to the U.S. Army Installation Management Command (Army) for the possession of depleted uranium (DU) from M101 spotting rounds from the Davy Crockett Weapon System on sites (active ranges) located at various Army installations, including Donnelly Training Area, Fort Wainwright, AK [Agencywide Documents and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML15288A465 (Pkg.); ML15289A275 (Ltr.)]. Thank you for your review of this undertaking and response (ML15317A428) dated, November 12, 2015. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the NRC's finding on this action and to bring to your attention a recent Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) communication on this Section 106 consultation for this action.

The Army is requesting authorization to possess the DU from the Davy Crockett M101 spotting rounds that have been present on these installations for approximately 60 years. The license amendment, if issued, would not allow the Army to use the DU for any purpose other than activities necessary for the possession and management of DU from the Davy Crockett M101 spotting rounds and fragments as a result of previous use of DU at the installations, nor would it place additional DU on the installations. The license amendment would prohibit the Army from performing decommissioning or ground disturbing activities to collect or remove DU fragments or contaminated soil that is identified during routine range activities without prior authorization from the NRC, except disposal of DU fragments incidentally identified during routine range activities that does not require any ground disturbance. Rather than authorizing any physical activity such as the decommissioning of this installation, the license amendment, if approved, would bring the possession of this material at these installations under NRC regulatory oversight. Additionally, the NRC has determined that a categorical exclusion (CATX) applies to the proposed action. The applicable CATX is located at 10 CFR 51.22(c)(14)(xv)—amendment of materials licenses issued pursuant to 10 CFR Part 40 authorizing “[p]ossession, manufacturing, processing, shipment, testing, or other uses of depleted uranium military munitions.” Therefore, the NRC staff finds that no additional consultation is required for this project because the undertaking is not the type of activity that has the potential to cause effects on historic properties.

Regarding the ACHP's recent communication on this action, I would like to bring to your attention that the ACHP was contacted by the California (CA) SHPO concerning this Section 106 consultation with regard to whether the proposed license amendment has the potential to effect historic properties at the Fort Hunter Liggett, CA range. Because the proposed action involves multiple installations located in different States, the ACHP, on December 28, 2015 (ML15362A558), reached out to the Executive Director of the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers (NCSHPO), stating that it agrees with the NRC that this action does not have the potential to effect historic properties and that the NRC may invoke 36 CFR 800.3(a)(1) of ACHP's Section 106 regulations. The ACHP asked the NCSHPO to share this information with the applicable SHPOs and to provide them the opportunity to voice any concerns or questions through the NCSHPO to the ACHP before the ACHP provides its recommendation to the CA SHPO. The ACHP informed the NRC that the NCSHPO reached out to the applicable SHPOs for this purpose on January 15, 2016.

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If you have any additional comments or concerns, please contact Ms. Amy Snyder by telephone at 301-415-6822, or by email at [Amy.Snyder@nrc.gov](mailto:Amy.Snyder@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

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