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Cinthya Román
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Federal Agency: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Re: Proposed amendment and exemption to Army License for possession of depleted Uranium at the
Jefferson Proving Grounds (Docket No. 40-8838; DHPA #15801)

Dear Ms. Román:

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. § 306108) and 36 C.F.R. Part 800, the staff of the Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer ("Indiana SHPO") has conducted an analysis of the materials dated October 24, 2017 and received on October 30, 2017, for the above indicated project in Jefferson County, Indiana.

It is our understanding that the proposed amendment and exemption to Army license SUB-1435, License Condition 9 will not involve any demolition, construction, or ground disturbing activities. We have no additional comments. We look forward to receiving a copy of the Environmental Assessment (EA). We would encourage the NRC to include in the EA any photographs or information regarding how the uranium was used historically.

Our office looks forward to assisting Jefferson Proving Grounds with any future reviews. It is our understanding that the management of the property in regard to cultural resources will follow the property's ICRMP (2011).

If you have questions about archaeological issues please contact Cathy Draeger-Williams at (317) 234-3791 or cdraeger-williams@dnr.IN.gov. If you have questions about buildings or structures please contact Kim Marie Padgett at (317) 234-6705 or kpadgett@dnr.IN.gov. Additionally, in all future correspondence regarding the above indicated project, please refer to DHPA #15801.

Very truly yours,

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Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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