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**Project:** New Case: Development of a Programmatic Agreement for Picatinny Arsenal  
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U.S. Army Garrison Picatinny Arsenal is attempting to implement a strategic approach including a Programmatic Agreement for historic property management allowing the Real Property Master Plan and the Facility Reduction Program to function effectively for the ever-evolving mission of Picatinny Arsenal in advancement of weapons systems.

U.S. Army Garrison Picatinny Arsenal has a unique mission as a joint services research and development center for armaments systems and munitions. As the only facility of its kind in the Army, Picatinny Arsenal supports organizations such as the Armament Research, Development, and Engineering Center whose mission is to develop and maintain a world-class workforce to execute and manage integrated life-cycle engineering processes required for the research, development, production, field support and demilitarization of munitions, weapons, fire control, and associated items (i.e., line of sight/beyond line of sight fire; small, medium, and large caliber; aero ballistics and telemetry).

Since its founding, Picatinny Arsenal has seen numerous tenants, missions, and needs making for an intricate and overlapping historic tapestry that is a testament to the military's advancement of weapons and munitions. As missions ended and/or changed, the buildings and structures that were built to support those mission-specific needs remained with no certain future use. The management of these historic properties is complex due to many operational constraints associated with restricted access areas, explosive safety arcs, high noise zones, unexploded ordnance areas, and various other environmental factors. Many of the planned missions coming to Picatinny Arsenal over the next several years are unable to reuse these obsolete buildings



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and structures due to containments and/or design. Tomorrow's weapons systems are simply more advanced and complex, with unique needs for laboratory and research facilities.

Picatinny Arsenal has initiated consultation to streamline the Section 106 process for the Facility Reduction Program and Real Property Master Plan for the installation. The many projects that Picatinny Arsenal will undertake in the coming years have already been identified, and through consultation will offer a better understanding of how these projects will affect historic properties. It will also allow Picatinny Arsenal and its consulting party members to explore innovative forms of avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures that will reflect the distinctive nature of these historic properties.

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation became involved in the Section 106 process in March 2009. The first consultation meeting was on May 28, 2009. Participants in this case include the New Jersey State Historic Preservation Office, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Morris County Heritage Commission, the Historical Society of the Rockaways, Preservation New Jersey, the Morris County Trust for Historic Preservation, the New Jersey State Museum, the Jefferson Township Historical Society, and the Society for Industrial Archaeology, Roebling Chapter.