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Thomas Solecki
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Dear Mr. Solecki:

As Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer for New Jersey, in accordance with 36 CFR Part 800: Protection of Historic Properties, as published in the Federal Register on December 12, 2000 (65 FR 77725-77739) and amended on July 6, 2004 (69 FR 40553-40555), I am providing initial consultation comments on the following proposed undertaking:

**Morris County, Picatinny Arsenal
Implementation of the Picatinny Arsenal Real Property Master Plan**

This letter was prepared in response to your submission of documents initiating consultation pursuant to the requirements of 36 CFR Part 800.3 (Initiation of the Section 106 Process), received by the Historic Preservation Office on June 18, 2009.

800.3 Initiation of the Section 106 Process

The HPO concurs that the implementation of the Real Property Master Plan at Picatinny Arsenal constitutes an undertaking as defined in 36 CFR 800.16(y).

The Department of the Army, New Jersey Historic Preservation Office (HPO), Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), and the Delaware Nation of Oklahoma are the appropriate consulting parties for the initiation of consultation. The Morris County Heritage Commission, Morris County Historical Society, Jefferson Township Historical Society, Historical Society of the Rockaways, Mount Hope Historical Conservancy, Morris County Trust for Historic Preservation, Roebling Chapter – Society for Industrial Archaeology, New Jersey State Museum, Absentee Shawnee, Shawnee Tribe, National Trust for Historic Preservation, and Preservation New Jersey have a potential interest and knowledge of historic properties within the vicinity of the

project and were appropriately invited to participate in the Section 106 consultation process.

Based upon the nature of the Real Property Master Plan implementation, the appropriate Area of Potential Effects (APE) for the undertaking is the entire Picatinny Arsenal installation.

Additional Comments

Thank you for providing the opportunity to review and comment on the potential for the proposed undertaking to affect historic and archaeological resources. The HPO looks forward to continuing consultation with the Department of the Army and the other consulting and interested parties regarding this project. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Jonathan Kinney at (609) 984-0141. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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