

**Picatinny Arsenal Army Alternate Procedures (AAP)  
Quarterly Update- August – October 2008**

Attention, Stakeholders and Interested Parties:

Website for Cultural Resources

The new Picatinny Environmental Management System (PEMS) Website for *Cultural Resources* is up and running @: <https://picac2w4.pica.army.mil/ead/Cultural/> (Note: If a Security screen appears, click 'Yes'. The website still may have a few glitches in it as it is being finalized by our IT.). This website is an interactive tool available to the Public and other interested organizations with information about the installation's history and recent Cultural Resource projects/events that have occurred. If the link does not work, please go to the Picatinny homepage @: <http://www.pica.army.mil/PicatinnyPublic/index.asp> and click on 'Organizations', then 'Picatinny Garrison', then 'Environmental'. The 'Cultural Resources' section is located on the bottom right hand side.

On this website are Adobe pdf. documents for SHPO consultation projects (ie. cellular towers, historic building renovations, etc.), the installation's history from 1880-1931, and the 2003-2008 Integrated Cultural Resources Management Plan (ICRMP). Also within this website are other historical background documents, photographs of some of the installation's historic buildings, and recent and past historic building assessments.

2009-2013 Integrated Cultural Resources Management Plan (ICRMP)

The 2009-2013 ICRMP is in process of being finalized and signed by Garrison Commander LTC Stack. The 2003-2008 ICRMP is located on the Cultural Resources website @: [https://picac2w4.pica.army.mil/ead/Cultural/docs/2003-08\\_ICRMP.pdf](https://picac2w4.pica.army.mil/ead/Cultural/docs/2003-08_ICRMP.pdf).

This document is the installation's plan for meeting historic preservation compliance and Cultural Resource Management requirements, including a strategy for incorporating the protection and supervision of these resources within ongoing military mission activities and land use decisions. This plan is updated every 5 years.

Residential Community Initiative (RCI) 2008 Status Report

At the August 11<sup>th</sup> AAP Kick-Off meeting, I mentioned revising the 2004 Programmatic Agreement (PA) for RCI with SHPO. The RCI PA is located on the Cultural Resources website under the 'Management Documents' section.

After debating this further and considering the timeline of the holidays and the signature(s) for the revised document, I decided it would be best to instead do a Status Report. The PA, Section III, D. mentions a Status Report for SHPO, yet none has ever been done. In order to get the SHPO and the Stakeholders more up-to-speed and plan for a-way-ahead for the future of RCI activities on the Arsenal, it is best the Garrison submits this Report now. Although this Report for 2008 is in DRAFT format, I anticipate having it completed by late Spring 2009.

The Status Report details all SHPO consultations for RCI Housing since 2000, including building demolition and the results from the recent Phase I archaeological survey of the Navy Hill RCI Ground Lease area by Panamerican Consultants, Inc. Preliminary conclusions from this Phase I survey is the identification of one historic archaeological site within the RCI Ground Lease area (<http://www.picatinnyarsenalhomes.com/>).

Programmatic Agreement for Real Property Master Plan and Facility Reduction Program

I have initiated the DRAFT the PA for the installation's Real Property Master Plan (RPMP) and the Facility Reduction Program (FRP- Building Demolition List). The RPMP was given to you in both map and table

format at the August 11<sup>th</sup> Kick-Off meeting. As mentioned during the meeting, I anticipate having this document and a DRAFT building demolition list (Excel table format) for SHPO review by early Spring 2009, if not earlier.

In addition, the Cultural Resources and PEMS websites will include other information about the installation's RPMP and the FRP Demolition List for this PA. For example, once finalized, the RPMP Environmental Assessment (EA) will be linked from the PEMS website (NEPA documentation section), along with the Base Realignment and Closure Action report (BRAC) EA for Picatinny; along with the recent Historic American Building Survey (HABS) Level II documentation of Buildings 1510 and 1510B by Panamerican Consultants, Inc.

#### Recent Stakeholder News/Interests

I received a call from Ms. Gladys White with the Stockbridge-Munsee Community, Mohican Nation of Wisconsin tribe Tribal Organization in August 2008. Her call was in reference to their Tribes' lack of ancestral interests in the Picatinny, Morris County region of northern New Jersey. They are in the process of sending the installation a letter stating this for our files. In addition, as of June 2006, the Delaware Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma is no longer Federally recognized. Army policy is to consult with only Federally recognized tribe, unless otherwise directed by an interested Stakeholder(s)/THPO (Tribal Historic Preservation Officer); therefore, consultation with these Tribal Organizations will not continue unless otherwise directed.

Additionally, it was realized recently the Morris County Historical Society was not included in the list of interested Stakeholders for consultation. Therefore, an email with attachments was sent to Ms. Bonnie-Lynn Nadzeika for further coordination and future consultation interests relating to the AAP.

Furthermore, the National Park Service Heritage Documentation Programs and the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics have been invited to participate in the FRP Demolition List for the RPMP PA. Picatinny Arsenal was named as a Historic Aerospace Site in 2005 for its Cold War developments with Reaction Motors, whom designed the X-1 and X-15 rocket engines.

In conclusion to this particular section, if your Historical Society or Tribal Organization lacks interests in the Picatinny, Morris County region; OR if your Organization knows of other potentially interested consulting parties for Picatinny's Cultural Resource projects, please advise so the Garrison can revise the list(s) for future meetings and conference calls.

#### Recent SHPO Consultations

This past quarter has been rather busy for SHPO consultation. This past quarter, Picatinny Garrison has submitted consultation for the following projects:

- 1) Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between SHPO and Picatinny Arsenal Garrison Commander LTC Stack for the demolition of Buildings 1510 and 1510B for BRAC, *signed September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2008*;
- 2) Erection of 616 Test Range Containment Structure for Safety Requirements, *concurrence November 17, 2008*;
- 3) FCC Land Mobile Radio (LMR) Tower (150') Consultation Letters to your offices, *sent October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008*;
- 4) Balloon Test for LMR, *performed October 10, 2008*;
- 5) LMR FCC Form 620 Package *with No Adverse Visual Effect determinations, concurrence November 13, 2008*;
- 6) Phase I Cultural Resource Investigation for the Packaging, Handling, Shipping & Transportation Center (BRAC) project by Panamerican Consultants, Inc. to include the demolition of Buildings 448 and 452B, *pending review*;
- 7) Building 171, North End, Exterior Door replacement and Installation of New Sidewalk, *concurrence November 17, 2008*;

- 8) Building 1510/1510B HABS documentation for BRAC demolition by Panamerican Consultants, Inc., *pending review*, and
- 9) Building 172, Construction of Patio and Installation of New Walkway to Kibler Rd, *concurrency November 17, 2008*.

If your organization would like a copy of any of these documents, please let me know and I will post it on the Cultural Resources website @: <https://picac2w4.pica.army.mil/ead/Cultural/>

### Conclusions

Overall, in finalizing the ICRMP and starting the DRAFT PA, preparations of portions of the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for Adverse Effect Determinations have are being initiated for the larger Historic Property Component Plan (HPC).

Over the next several weeks, please look over your schedules as I would like to schedule a conference call about these subjects and other Cultural Resource/AAP Project Concerns; if possible, after the holidays and before the end of January. Please email me a good timeframe for this meeting with your schedules around January 19 – 30 timeframe. If you feel an onsite meeting at Picatinny may be best, please let me know.

Additionally in the future, I will be planning a larger Public meeting for your Organizations and other interested parties, including a bus and tour of the installation around April 2009 timeframe. Please plan to discuss this further during the conference call meeting in January.

Next Quarterly Update: November 2008 – January 2009 by mid February timeframe.