



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
FORT WORTH DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
P. O. BOX 17300
FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76102-0300

June 23, 2011

Planning, Environmental and Regulatory Division

Mr. John M. Fowler, Executive Director
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
Old Post Office Building
1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 803
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Mr. Fowler:

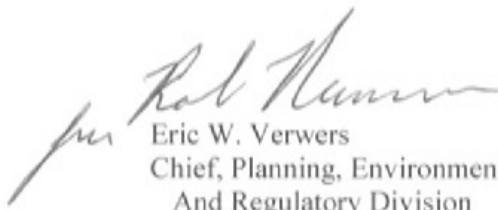
The United States Army (Army) installation at Fort Wingate, New Mexico was closed under the provisions of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1988 (BRAC) and the Army is proceeding with the BRAC environmental cleanup prior to the eventual transfer to other federal agencies. Transfer to another federal agency is not considered an undertaking under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. However, prior to transfer, environmental clean-up actions by the Army have the potential to affect historic properties.

Currently, three structures are known to be affected by environmental actions, Structure 6 (Gas Station), Structure 53 (Water Tower), and associated Structure 46 (Water Tank). Environmental clean-up activities and meeting current Federal Aviation Administration requirements has led the Army to propose demolition of these three historic structures. The Army has determined this undertaking to be an adverse effect on historic properties.

Under Title 36 Code Federal Regulation, § 800.6 (a) (1), the Army is notifying the Council of the adverse effect. Enclosed is a letter and additional information sent to the New Mexico State Historic Preservation Officer that provides the documentation specified in § 800.11 (e). The federally recognized tribes of Pueblo of Zuni and the Navajo Nation have also been notified of the undertaking and offered the opportunity to consult.

Please contact Mr. Joseph Murphey, Cultural Resource Specialist, (817) 229-1956 or joseph.murphey@us.army.mil with any further questions regarding this matter. I am forwarding a copy of this letter to Ms. Jan V. Biella, New Mexico State Historic Preservation Officer, Department of Cultural Affairs, Historic Preservation Division, Bataan Memorial Building, 407 Galisteo Street, Suite 236, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Sincerely,


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Chief, Planning, Environmental,
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Enclosures