

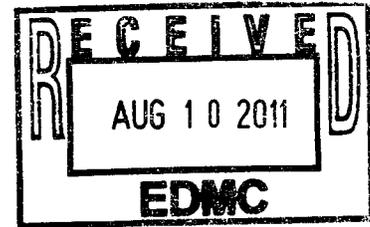


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Dear Dr. Brooks:

TRANSMITTAL OF ACTION PLAN FOR ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE 45BN118, HANFORD SITE, BENTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON (HCRC#2005-600-202)

The U.S. Department of Energy Richland Operations Office (RL) is transmitting the subject plan of action for your review pursuant to 36 CFR 800.13(b)(3). The cultural materials described in this plan are associated with archaeological site 45BN118. This site has been assumed to be eligible for the National Register under Criterion D for the purposes of section 106 as described in 36 CFR 800.13(c).

The enclosed action plan contains information about the actions to be taken to resolve the adverse effects to 45BN118 caused by remediation and backfilling at waste site 600-202. The proposed actions were developed during discussions with tribal cultural resource representatives associated with the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, the Nez Perce Tribe, and the Wanapum. These actions include completion of a stratigraphic profile, placement of a protective mulch layer prior to backfill, a systematic backfill approach by heavy equipment, professional monitoring, and a final report.

Please review the information and provide a written response regarding these actions by August 4, 2011. Recommendations you submit will be taken into account and the waste site will be backfilled. The final report activities will be transmitted to you following upon project completion.

These comments are based on the information available at the time of this letter and on the behalf of RL's Cultural Resource Program in conformance with Section 106 of the NHPA, as amended, and its implementing regulations 36 CFR 800. This correspondence is also being provided to area Tribes pursuant to 36 CFR 800.

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If you have any questions, please contact me on (509) 376-0288 or Mona Wright, Archaeologist, on (509) 376-4069.

Sincerely,



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