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Re: Exemption from HPIF Documentation Requirement

Dear Mr. Lloyd:

Thank you for contacting the Washington State Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (OAHF) regarding the above referenced proposal. From your letter I understand that the Department of Energy proposes to exempt certain categories of property types from documentation on Historic Property Inventory Forms (HPIF). As outlined in your letter, property types proposed for exemption are: mobile trailers, modular buildings and enclosures, structures with minimal or no visible surface manifestations, storage tanks, wells and bore holes, and towers.

In response (and as discussed at our 8/17/95 meeting in Richland) I support the proposed exemption. Further, it is recommended that the exemption for these property types be incorporated as part of the proposed Programmatic Agreement (PA) being developed to streamline cultural resource reviews at Hanford.

Although the proposed exemption is supported, I want to make some clarifications. First, I understand that at least one representative example from each property type will be documented on an HPIF. Also, I understand that a summary document will be prepared following initial evaluation of all non-exempt buildings and structures on site. This summary document (in essence a context document) shall include, but not be limited to: contextual information about the role these property types played at Hanford; numbers of the property types; locations; changes in technology, design, use, etc. over time; photographs of representative examples; plus plans, cross sections, etc. that documents the form or manifestation of these property types, such as underground tanks.

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Some of these property types (such as waste disposal facilities and wells) may be recognized as significant to events at Hanford. Therefore, it is recommended that this summary document address National Register eligibility as well as appropriate management of these property types. For example, we discussed back filling as an approach for mitigation of wells and bore holes.

I hope these comments are useful. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (360) 753-9116.

Sincerely,


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