

February 4, 2014

Mr. Mitchell Zoll
Indiana Department of Natural Resources
Department of Historic Preservation & Archaeology
402 W. Washington Street, W274
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

SUBJECT: INITIATION OF SECTION 106 PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED JEFFERSON
PROVING GROUND DECOMMISSIONING

Dear Mr. Zoll:

By letter dated August 28, 2013, the U.S. Department of the Army (Army) submitted to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) a Decommissioning Plan and Environmental Report for NRC source material license SUB-1435. License SUB-1435 is for possession of depleted uranium at the Jefferson Proving Ground (JPG) ordnance testing facility in southeast Indiana near Madison, Indiana. The Army is requesting the termination of its license under restricted release. The application document is available electronically in NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) as a package document at accession number ML13247A549. ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/reading-rm/adams.html>.

NRC is aware that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has established a National Wildlife Refuge at JPG under a lease agreement with the Army.

As required by 36 CFR 800.4(a), the NRC is requesting input from the State Historical Preservation Officer to identify historic properties that may be affected by the NRC's proposed action (i.e., granting the proposed license amendment to the Army). Any information you provide will be used to document effects in accordance with 36 CFR 800.4(d). After assessing the information provided by you, we will determine any additional actions necessary to comply with the Section 106 consultation process. In accordance with 36 CFR Part 800.8 (Coordination with the NEPA), the NRC is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) which will include consideration of any historical preservation issues.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice for Domestic Licensing Proceedings and Issuance of Orders," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or ADAMS.

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If you require additional information, please contact Thomas McLaughlin, NRC Project Manager for the Highland Reclamation Project, at (301) 415-5869 or via e-mail to Thomas.McLaughlin@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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