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Mr. Michael Case  
Director, Division of Engineering  
Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research  
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Re: Multi County – General  
Section 106 Review – NRC  
Pre-Trenching Evaluation Report for the Stiles and Garner I  
Paleoliquefaction Sites in Northeastern Arkansas  
AHPP Tracking Number 78798.1

Dear Mr. Case:

The staff of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program has reviewed the above-referenced document. This document details recent fieldwork at two proposed paleoliquefaction study sites in northeastern Arkansas and is acceptable. Based on the information presented in this report, we concur that the work at the Stiles Site will have no effect on historic properties, as none are present. Regarding the work at the Garner I Site, also known as archeological site 3CG1255, we approve the proposed methods described in the submittal. The National Register of Historic Places eligibility of archeological site 3CG1255 is currently undetermined. As the amount of impact to the site is fairly minimal, and will be accomplished through both hand excavation of archeological deposits and mechanical stripping of culturally sterile sand, we are of the opinion that the work is along the lines of NRHP significance testing. One of the goals of the project is the recovery of intact deposits from beneath the sand blow, the presence of which could indicate NRHP eligibility, particularly given the lack of knowledge regarding the Archaic period in the Lower Mississippi Valley. Therefore, we support this project, and look forward to reviewing a report on the investigations in the future.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this undertaking. Please refer to the AHPP Tracking Number listed above in all correspondence. If you have any questions, please call Eric Gilliland of my staff at 501-324-9270.

Sincerely,

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cc: Mr. Everett Bandy, Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma  
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