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November 4, 2016

Ms. Edwina Butler-Wolfe, Governor
Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma
2025 South Gordon Cooper Drive
Shawnee, OK 74801

**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
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Miami, OK 74355

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Macy, NE 68039

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Pawhuska, OK 74056

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Mr. John R Shotton, Chairman
Otoe-Missouria Tribe of Indians, Oklahoma
8151 Highway 177
Red Rock, OK 74651

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November 4, 2016

Ms. Liana Onnen, Tribal Chairperson
Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation
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Mayetta, KS 66509

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Reserve, KS 66434

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Sac and Fox Nation, Oklahoma
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Stroud, OK 74079

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Sac and Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa
349 Meskwaki Road
Tama, IA 52339

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Shawnee Tribe
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Miami, OK 74354

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Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska
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Wyandotte Nation
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As stated in our letter to your tribe dated November 20, 2015, the NRC is conducting Section 106 consultations in compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) through the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), as outlined in 36 CFR 800.8(c). The NRC staff's preliminary determination is that no historic properties would be affected by this undertaking. As discussed in the draft EIS, this conclusion is based upon 1) the environmental report submitted by NWMI; 2) NRC's environmental audit of the proposed site and independent analysis and review of historic and archaeological records; 3) consultation with Federal, State, Tribal and local agencies; and 4) consideration of public comments received during the scoping process.

R. Flying Hawk

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A copy of the draft EIS with this conclusion is enclosed. Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.8(c), we are requesting your comments on the draft EIS and on our preliminary conclusion. Electronic comments on the draft EIS may be submitted to the NRC by accessing www.regulations.gov and searching for Docket ID NRC-2013-0235. Written comments may be mailed to the NRC at:

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Robert Hoffman, Environmental Scientist, at 301-415-1107 or by e-mail at Robert.Hoffman@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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