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Re: Henry Tract Mining Site, Cultural Resources Reconnaissance Survey, Draft
Johnsonville (Salem Vicinity), Florence County, South Carolina
SHPO Project No. 23RL0100

Dear Bill Green:

Thank you for your project submittal which we received on March 30th, regarding the Henry Tract Mining Site, Cultural Resources Reconnaissance Survey, Draft. We have received a copy of the draft report *Cultural Resources Reconnaissance Survey of Approximately 365 Acres at the Proposed Henry Tract Mining Site, Florence County, South Carolina* as supporting documentation for this undertaking. The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is providing comments to Terracon Consultants, Inc. pursuant to the South Carolina Mining Act (SC Code Title 48, Chapter 20, Sections 10-310) and its implementing regulations found at Chapter 89-120(C)(4) of the SC Code of Regulations. Consultation with the SHPO is not a substitution for consultation with Tribal Historic Preservation Offices, other Native American tribes including those with state recognition, local governments, or the public.

The SHPO concurs with the archaeological survey methodologies utilized in the *Cultural Resources Reconnaissance Survey of Approximately 365 Acres at the Proposed Henry Tract Mining Site, Florence County, South Carolina*. Systematic shovel testing of 73 shovel tests along 9 transects within the 365 acre project tract identified no subsurface artifact assemblages or subsurface cultural features, as such no new archaeological sites were identified. As the project tract contains no evidence of pre-contact or historic cultural resources, our office concurs that the project tract has a very low probability to contain significant archaeological sites. The architectural survey identified six above ground historic resources; two of which were previously recorded (SHPO Site No. 0258/Salem Cemetery and SHPO Site No. 0324) and four of which were newly identified (SHPO Site No. 0508, SHPO Site No. 0509, SHPO Site No. 0510 and SHPO Site No. 0511). Our office concurs that SHPO Site No. 0258/Salem Cemetery, SHPO Site No. 0324, SHPO Site No. 0508, SHPO Site No. 0509, SHPO Site No. 0510 and SHPO Site No. 0511 are not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The SHPO concurs with the report recommendations that the undertaking will have no effect on historic properties and that further cultural resources management is not currently required. The SHPO has additional technical comments on the

report that we ask to see addressed (please see attached). We will accept the report as final once these comments are addressed; there is no need to send a revised draft.

To complete the reporting process, please provide at least three (3) hard copies of a final report: one (1) bound hard copy and a digital copy in ADOBE Acrobat PDF format for the SHPO; one (1) bound and one (1) unbound hard copies and a digital copy in ADOBE Acrobat PDF format for SCIAA. Investigators should send all copies directly to the SHPO. The SHPO will distribute the appropriate copies to SCIAA.

Please ensure that a copy of our comments letter is included in the Appendices and Attachments of the final report.

Please provide GIS shapefiles for the surveyed area. Shapefiles for identified archaeological sites should be coordinated with SCIAA. Shapefiles should be compatible with ArcGIS (.shp file format) and should be sent as a bundle in .zip format. For additional information, please see our [GIS Data Submission Requirements](#).

Please ensure that all Draft and Final survey deliverables (reports, survey forms and photographs, and GIS shapefiles) are sent to the SHPO at the same time using the same medium (e.g., DVD-RW, thumb drive, or FTP/file sharing site) to assist in project tracking. Files should be sent to rc@scdah.sc.gov. This new email address is only to be used for submitting survey deliverables. Contact your assigned reviewer directly for any questions or concerns.

We do request, however, that our Office be notified immediately if archaeological materials or human skeletal remains are encountered prior to or during construction on the project site. Archaeological materials consist of any items, fifty years old or older, which were made or used by man. These items include, but are not limited to, stone projectile points (arrowheads), ceramic sherds, brick scatters, worked wood, bone and stone, along with metal and glass objects.

Please refer to SHPO Project Number 23RL0100 in any future correspondence regarding this project. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (803) 896-6181 or RLarsen@scdah.sc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Technical Comments

Please revise and re-submit the survey forms per the following comments:

Please complete a survey revisit form for the SHPO Site No. 3698 resources, documenting that they are no longer extant. See p. 15 of our Survey Manual as reference.

Please complete the Sources of Information field on all survey forms. See p. 31 of our Survey Manual as reference.

The Digital Photo IDs field is an 8 digit number. Please delete the extra zero at the beginning on all forms. See p. 18-19 of our Survey Manual as reference.

Please limit the Historic Name field entry to “House”. “Front Gabled Bungalow” etc. should be put in the Description field. See p. 22-23 of our Survey Manual as reference.

SHPO Site No. 0324: Please check the Revisit box.