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TO: [Point of Contact, if known]

[Name and address of THPO]

FROM: Lara Shockey, Natural Resource Specialist

USDA Agricultural Marketing Service

Transportation & Marketing Program, Grants Division

SUBJECT: Request for Concurrence

The USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is completing an environmental review of a project proposed under the Resilient Food Sysytems Infrastructure (RFSI) program. [Insert a brief overview of the proposed activity and specific location of the project. You must include the address and/or GPS coordinates of the project location(s)].

[Provide a detailed description of the project and activities to present a clear picture to someone who has no previous knowledge of the plans. Include the dimensions of any buildings to be constructed or renovated, the area and depth of all ground disturbance that will take place. Include any associated ground disturbance such as water lines, utility lines, etc that will be necessary. Also take into consideration possible ground disturbance (including compaction) that may take place for access roads and supply staging areas as well. Include any information regarding previous ground disturbance that has taken place].

In considering AMS’ responsibilities pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and its implementing regulations in 36 CFR Part 800, “Protection of Historic Properties” (Section 106), we are requesting your assistance in identifying historic properties and/or other cultural resources that might be affected by this undertaking.

The National Register of Historic Places has been reviewed. [As appropriate, add other actions that may have been completed, including, but not limited to, specific reference to having completed a site visit, consultation with state histrocial records or guides, local historical societies, etc.]

To the best of our knowledge there is no indication of the presence, or the probability of an

historic property or cultural resource at the site. Attached for reference are:

* Map outlining Area of Potential Effects (APE) [Area of potential effects means the geographic area or areas within which an undertaking may directly or indirectly cause alterations in the character or use of historic properties, if any such properties exist. The area of potential effects is influenced by the scale and nature of an undertaking and may be different for different kinds of effects caused by the undertaking. The APE typically includes all areas involving ground disturbance but may also include areas adjacent to the disturbance that may be indirectly affected as a consequence of the undertaking. For aboveground historic buildings, structures and other cultural properties, the APE often extends beyond the limits of ground disturbance and includes visual, vibratory and noise impacts to a building, structure, site, district, or cultural landscape and its setting and viewshed. Google Earth is a good, free tool to generate this map.]
* Location map [must include identifying elements, such as roads, GPS coordinates, etc. Google Earth is a good, free tool to generate this map]
* Aerial view of property for its current use [Google Earth is a good, free tool to generate this map]
* FEMA flood map
* GIS topo map & Soils map
* Drawings of project location or footprint and related design plans as appropriate
* Photos from field visit [include all pertinent sites/buildings for the project]
* [include any additional material that may be available]

[If historic properties or those eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places are present describe and insert a summary of the mitigation measures proposed to avoid or lessen the effect and any related Memorandum of Agreement for the proposed activity.]

AMS has made a finding of no historic properties affected for this proposed project. Your concurrence with this determination is requested within thirty (30) days of the email delivery receipt or delivery of this letter based on standard United States Post Office delivery schedules not to exceed 5 days from the related post mark. If we do not hear from you within the specified time frame it will be assumed that you are in agreement and have no further interest in this matter.

Please feel free to contact me at [lara.s.shockey@usda.gov](mailto:lara.s.shockey@usda.gov) should you have any questions or need further information. Correspondence may be sent to:

[State/Territory insert mailing address, email, etc for their contact]

Sincerely,

[Send completed letter to lara.s.shockey@usda.gov for signature before sending to THPO(s)]

Lara Shockey

Attachments