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RE: NHPA Section 106 Consultation—Finding of No Historic Properties Affected - Former Housing Authority Building, Lower Brule

Dear Ms. Olson:

The Environmental Protection Agency awarded a Brownfields Cleanup Grant to the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe in Lower Brule, South Dakota, to clean up asbestos, lead and Polychlorinated Biphenyl (PCBs) contamination at the Former Housing Authority Building located at 633 Crazy Horse Street, Lower Brule, SD. Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), 16 U.S.C. § 470f, requires that federal agencies consider the effects of federal undertakings on historic properties and afford the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) a reasonable opportunity to comment with regard to such undertakings. To this end, I am writing to seek your concurrence that this undertaking, the proposed federally funded cleanup of the Former Housing Authority building, will not affect historic properties.

The Lower Brule Sioux Tribe Cleanup Grant project contacts are:

- Mary Jane Gourneau, Brownfields Coordinator, Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, 187 Oyate Circle, Lower Brule, SD, 57548, phone: (605)473-8056 and email: <a href="miggourneau@lbst-epo.org">miggourneau@lbst-epo.org</a>
- George Honeywell, Environmental Director, Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, 187 Oyate Circle, Lower Brule, SD, 57548, phone: (605)473-0163, email: <a href="mailto:ghoneywell@lbst-epo.org">ghoneywell@lbst-epo.org</a>

The building was built in 1963 and is a single-story brick veneer slab-on-grade building that is approximately 2,125 square feet in size. The Lower Brule Sioux Tribe proposes to remove asbestos, lead based paint, and PCBs from the building using EPA Brownfields cleanup grant funds. As part of the cleanup, the Tribe intends to demolish the building and make the site ready for reuse for the Lower Brule Boys and Girls Club.

The Phase II environmental Site Assessment Report titled: "PHASE II ENVIRONMENTAL SITE ASSESSMENTS AND REMEDIATION COST ESTIMATES FOR ASBESTOS, LEAD-BASED PAINT, POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYL CONTAMINATION FORMER HOUSING AUTHORITY BUILDING 633 CRAZY HORSE ST. LOWER BRULE, SD" has already been provided to you. This report included photographs of the Former Housing Authority building and the contamination found on the property. Enclosed is the Tribe's Draft Analysis of Brownfields Cleanup

Alternatives. The Tribe is developing bid documents for the cleanup project, but to date the tribe has not hired an oversight or cleanup contractor for this project. As a result, a cleanup plan has not been developed for this project. My understanding is that the tribe intends to have all the debris (asbestos and construction) taken to the Tri-County landfill in Pukwana.

The Lower Brule Sioux Tribe conducted community involvement including publishing a notice on November 3, 2014, in the *Kul Wicasa Eypapaha Community Newsletter*, of the Cleanup Project grant application and a public meeting to discuss the project. Sixty-five people attended the public meeting that was held on November 13, 2014.

No other structure will be affected by the cleanup. Accordingly, the Area of Potential Effect consists of the Former Housing Authority Building. The building does not appear to meet any of the National Register Criteria, and we did not find any evidence of historic significance of the building related to American history, famous people, or distinctive characteristics. Based on this information, the EPA has determined that the Former Housing Authority building is not eligible for listing on the National Register and therefore that no historic properties as defined in 36 CFR Part 800.16(i) will be affected by this undertaking.

Please respond within 30 days if you have any concerns regarding this letter of determination. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 303-312-6184 or <a href="mailto:shen.stephanie@epa.gov">shen.stephanie@epa.gov</a>.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Shen

Brownfields Project Manager

Enclosures (1)

cc: Mary Jane Gourneau, Lower Brule Sioux Tribe Brownfields Coordinator George Honeywell, Lower Brule Sioux Tribe Environmental Director

SECTION 106 CONSULTATION

Concurrence of the State Historical Preservation
Office does not relieve the federal agency
official from consulting with other appropriate
parties, as described in 36 CFR Part 800.2(c).

Pursuant to 36 CFR part 800.13, if historic properties are discovered or unanticipated effects on historic properties found after the agency official has completed the Section 106 process, the agency official shall avoid, minimize or mitigate the adverse effects to such properties and notify the SHPO/THPO, and Indian tribes that might attach religious and cultural significance to the affected property within 48 hours of the discovery.