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## MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY & OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH) DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY (ENVIRONMENT) DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE (INSTALLATIONS)

SUBJECT: Implementation of Program Comments

On August 18, 2006 the Chairman of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation signed three Program Comments:

- Cold War Era Unaccompanied Personnel Housing (1946-1974) DoD wide
- World War II and Cold War Era Ammunition Storage Facilities (1939-1974) DoD wide
- World War II and Cold War Era (1939-1974) Army Ammunition Production Facilities and Plants – Army Only

These three documents are programmatic compliance mechanisms that will allow installations to meet the compliance requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) through a one-time, agency-wide action. The Program Comments allow installations to proceed without further NHPA Section 106 consultation, for ongoing operations, maintenance and repair; rehabilitation; renovation; mothballing; cessation of maintenance, new construction, demolition; deconstruction and salvage; remediation activities; and transfer, sale, lease, and closure.

In order to realize the full benefit of these Program Comments, please ensure that your installations are advised of the Program Comments and fully understand the impact on their Section 106 responsibilities. In particular, the Program Comments include several exclusions. Therefore, it is essential that each installation review its inventory of Unaccompanied Personnel Housing, Ammunition Storage Facilities, and Ammunition Production Facilities to identify which specific buildings will have the full benefit of the Program Comments and which buildings will have to continue to follow the compliance requirements of Section 106 or an appropriate Section 106 program agreement.



The Program Comments require us to notify all of the State Historic Preservation Officers (SHPOs) of the historic properties that will be covered by these Program Comments. Please ensure your installations have notified the SHPOs by March 31, 2007.

As a condition of these Program Comments, we have committed to a series of mitigations. See the attached mitigation schedules. We have established an area on DENIX to post all of the documents required by the Program Comments. Please ensure that your organizations are meeting these schedules and promptly posting the documents on DENIX, subject to appropriate security controls.

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Attachment: As stated

cc: Executive Director, ACHP Executive Director, NCSHPO

## Proposed Schedule for Completion of Cold War era (1946-1974) Unaccompanied Personnel Housing Program Comment Treatment Measures

Stipulation - Brief Description <sup>1</sup>	Completion Date <sup>2</sup>
Section II(A)(2) - Publicly Available Version of Historic Context (Army Only)	February 18, 2007
Section II(B) and II(C) - Develop draft supplemental historic context and documentation of representative samples at select installations (Navy and Air Force Only)	November 30, 2007
Section II(B) and II(C) - Complete supplemental historic context and documentation of representative samples at select installations (Navy and Air Force Only)	January 31 2008
Section $II(D)(1)$ - Make The Built Environment of Cold War Era Servicewomen context document available to the public and the Military Departments (DoD-wide)	Complete <sup>3</sup>
Section II(D)(2) - Make copies of all documentation available as appropriate (DoD-wide)	Ongoing <sup>4</sup>
Section II(D)(3) - List of Affected Properties to State Historic Preservation Officers (all Military Departments/ DoD-wide)	March 31, 2007
Section $II(D)(4)$ – encourage adaptive reuse, use of historic tax credits with private developers as appropriate, and incorporate preservation principles in master planning documents and activities (DoD-wide)	Ongoing <sup>5</sup>

## Proposed Schedule for Completion of World War II and Cold War Era (1939-1974) Ammunition Storage Facilities Program Comment Treatment Measures

Stipulation - Brief Description	<b>Completion Date</b>
Section II(A)(1) - Expanded and Revised Context Study (Army Only)	August 18, 2007
Section II(A)(2) - In-Depth Documentation of Ammunition Storage Facilities (Army Only)	February 18, 2008
Section $II(B)$ and $II(C)$ - Develop draft supplemental historic context and documentation of representative samples at select installations (Navy and Air Force Only)	November 30, 2007

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Not all stipulations apply equally to all Military Departments. The responsibility for completion of each stipulation is noted parenthetically. DoD will coordinate all correspondence with ACHP as appropriate. <sup>2</sup> Completion of the proposed schedule is subject to the availability of funding as it applies to each Military Department.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The completed document is available to download from <u>https://www.denix.osd.mil/ProgramAlternatives</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> All documentation will be posted to the internet (subject to appropriate security concerns) as completed at <u>https://www.denix.osd.mil/ProgramAlternatives</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Many existing policies and practices already support this stipulation. DoD will provide a list to ACHP upon request. DoD will continue to work with the Military Departments to further encourage these activities.

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