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Mr. Addison D. Davis, IV
Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army
110 Army Pentagon, Room 3D453
Washington, DC 20310-0110

Dear Secretary Davis:

We are pleased to inform you that during our business meeting, held in San Juan on August 18, 2006, the ACHP approved the program comment for *Army Ammunition Production Facilities and Plants WWII & Cold War Era (1939-1974)*. In accordance with ACHP's regulations at 36 CFR § 800.14(e)(5)(i), you may now take into account our comments for carrying out all Army undertakings within this category. You may proceed with management action affecting historic properties in this category prior to completion of the mitigation requirements, so long as such management actions do not preclude the eventual successful completion of these requirements.

If you decide to adopt our comments for this category of undertakings in lieu of conducting individual reviews under §§ 800.4 through 800.6, you must publish a notice of the Council's comments in the *Federal Register* and the steps you will take to ensure that effects to historic properties are taken into account. Because of the nature of this program comment, ACHP's membership also expressed an interest in monitoring the Army's implementation of the program comment. We look forward to working with you on developing a monitoring plan that meets these needs.

If the Army fails to carry out its undertakings for this category consistent with the program comment, the Council may withdraw the comment. If this were to occur, the Army would be required to comply with §§ 800.3 through 800.6. The Army may also decide that it no longer wants to comply with the program comment, in which case it must comply with §§ 800.3 through 800.6.

We appreciate the level of commitment and dedication of your staff in working with the Council on this issue, and we look forward to continuing to assist the Army in managing its significant inventory of historic properties.

Sincerely,

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