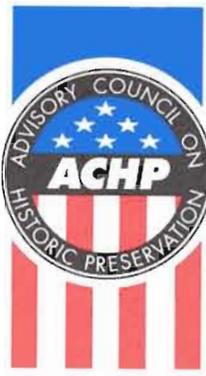


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Mr. Philip W. Grone
Deputy Under Secretary of Defense
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Washington, DC 20302-3000

Dear Secretary Grone:

We are pleased to inform you that during our business meeting, held in San Juan on August 18, 2006, the ACHP approved program comments for *DoD Ammunition Storage Facilities WWII & Cold War Era (1939-1974)* and *DoD Unaccompanied Personnel Housing Cold War Era (1946-1974)*. 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 DoD undertakings within these categories. You may proceed with management actions affecting historic properties in these categories 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 these categories 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 scope of these program comments, ACHP's membership also expressed an interest in monitoring DoD's implementation of the comments. We look forward to working with you on developing a monitoring plan that meets these needs.

If DoD fails to carry out its undertakings for these categories consistent with the program comments, the Council may withdraw the comments. If this were to occur, DoD would be required to comply with §§ 800.3 through 800.6. DoD may also decide that it no longer wants to comply with the program comments, 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 us on this issue, and we look forward to continuing to assist DoD in managing its significant inventory of historic properties.

Sincerely,

John M. Fowler
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