



April 27, 2015

Ms. Tina Hadden
Regulatory Division Chief
US Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District
69A Hagood Ave.
Charleston, SC 29403

RE: SC SHPO Comments, Project Soter

Dear Ms. Hadden,

This letter is in response to the request for comments pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) regarding Project Soter. This response supersedes all other communications from this office and constitutes the agency's final comments regarding this undertaking.

On April 23, 2015, Ms. Emily Dale, Archeologist and GIS Coordinator for this agency emailed a series of comments to Dr. Richard Darden, Regulatory Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District, concerning the public notice and this project. Those comments resulted from this agency's failure to appropriately consult the cultural resource assessments previously sent to this office. Those cultural resource assessments appear under the name Camp Hall Tract and not Project Soter. Those reports include the *Draft Report Cultural Resource Identification Survey, Camp Hall Tract, Berkeley County, South Carolina* (Amec, Foster, Wheeler, March 2015); *Cultural Resources Assessment of the Camp Hall Tract Modification, Berkeley County, South Carolina* (Brockington and Associates, Inc., October 2008); and *Cultural Resources Assessment of the Camp Hall Tract, Berkeley County, South Carolina* (Brockington and Associates, Inc., 12 March 2007).

The aforementioned reports address significantly the concerns listed in Ms. Dale's email message regarding cultural resources in the area of potential effect (APE). Cypress Methodist Campground, a National Register listed property also mentioned in that message, falls significantly outside the APE, and therefore should not be impacted by undertaking.

Drawing upon the information ascertained from the previously noted cultural resource assessments and an onsite visit of the property by Ms. Elizabeth Johnson, Deputy State Historic

Preservation Officer, and Ms. Dale, this agency concurs with the Army Corps of Engineers' determination that there will be no effect on historic properties.

Thank you for your patience during this process. Please let me know if I may answer any questions regarding this letter or be of service in the future.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "W. Eric Emerson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "W" and a stylized "E".

W. Eric Emerson, Ph.D.

Director and State Historic Preservation Officer