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Mr. Donald Silawsky  
Office of Petroleum Reserves  
1000 Independence Avenue SW  
Washington, DC 20585-0301

Re: Proposed Expansion of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve  
Richton, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Silawsky:

We have reviewed your follow-up letter of September 27, 2005, providing more detail concerning the identification of cultural resources potentially affected should the Richton, Mississippi site be the preferred alternative selected for the proposed expansion of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. Our records are available for the use of your representatives to locate National Historic Landmarks and/or properties or sites listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places which could potentially be affected by this proposal.

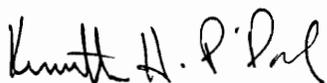
Native American tribes which may have cultural affiliations in the area of this project known to us are the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, the Jena Band of Choctaw Indians, the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, and the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana.

We will be happy to begin working with staff of the Department of Energy on a Programmatic Agreement to be in effect should the Richton site be selected, with a view of having a signed Programmatic Agreement no later than March 2006, the date you specified.

If you have any further questions or need additional information, please contact Tom Waggener, our Review and Compliance Officer, at [REDACTED] or by email at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

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State Historic Preservation Officer



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