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CULTURAL DEPARTMENT

December 19, 2005

Mr. Donald Silawsky  
Office of Petroleum Reserves (FE-47)  
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20585-0301

Re: Proposed Expansion of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve,  
West Hackberry, Bayou Choctaw, Clovelly, and Chacahoula,  
Cameron, Calcasieu, Iberville, and LaFourche Parishes, Louisiana

We are in receipt of your letter, dated November 22, 2005, concerning the above-referenced project. The parish where the proposed project is to take place is part of the aboriginal Chitimacha homeland. That is, historically and prehistorically the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana was located in this area. This homeland contains many village sites, religious/sacred sites, and burial sites, which must be taken into account in the planning process.

Our records and oral traditions do not indicate that a specific Chitimacha archaeological site or Traditional Cultural Property is in the immediate vicinity of your project, therefore we have no objection to the implementation of the proposed activity. However, if archaeological remains representing a village site and/or burial site are discovered during the process of construction you should stop and contact the tribe and the State Historic Preservation Office immediately, in order to begin consultation regarding the encountered remains.

The Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana appreciates your compliance with federal and state laws concerning Native American notification and consultation. Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

Kimberly S. Walden,  
Director, Cultural Department

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