

**Appendix D -- Correspondence Under Section 106 of the National Historic  
Preservation Act**



United States Department of Agriculture  
Rural Development

July 13, 2011

Mr. Willard Steele  
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer  
Seminole Tribe of Florida  
Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum, HC-61, Box 21-A  
Clewiston, FL 33440

RE: Proposed 100- MW Biomass Generation Facility, Warren County, Georgia THPO - 003729

Dear Mr. Steele:

On June 24, 2009, the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) invited the Seminole Tribe of Florida to participate in government-to-government consultation for a proposed new biomass power plant located in Warren County, Georgia. Based upon the responses received RUS identified the Seminole Tribe of Florida as a consulting party along with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Historic Preservation Division, State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO).

In accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the Rural Utilities Service transmits the *Phase I Cultural Resource Investigations for a Proposed Biomass Power Plant, Warren County, Georgia* (November 2009) for your review and comment.

In order to meet its responsibilities to identify and evaluate historic properties, pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.4, RUS has conducted an archeological survey of the area of potential effect (APE) that will be affected by ground disturbance from construction of the proposed facility. The findings of that survey are presented in the enclosed Phase I report. This survey was conducted in May 2009 by an archeologist meeting federal and state professional qualification standards.

Results of the survey indicated a total of seven isolated finds and four archaeological sites were recorded, two multi-component, one prehistoric, and one historic. Pursuant to 36 CFR §800.4(c)(1) of the regulations (36 CFR Part 800) implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, RUS has determined that none of the sites possessed integrity, appear able to provide any additional research value, nor met the criteria of significance for inclusion on the NRHP. Based on this determination of eligibility and the results of the reconnaissance survey, RUS believes that a **finding of no historic properties affected** is appropriate for the referenced undertaking.

In accordance with 36 CFR §800.4(d)(1), RUS is notifying you of its determination of eligibility and finding of effect for the referenced undertaking. If you have any written comments on

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RUS's determination of eligibility and finding of effect, please submit them to me at 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Mail Stop 1571, Room 2242-S, Washington, DC 20250-1571, or via email to [stephanie.strength@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:stephanie.strength@wdc.usda.gov) with in thirty days of receipt of this letter.

If you should have questions or require further information, please contact me at (970)403-3559 or email address provided above.

Sincerely,



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Historical Preservation Division  
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Atlanta, GA 30303-2316

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