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Subject: Notice of Initiation of Consultation for a Proposed Undertaking for the Relocation and Consolidation of Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory Off-Site Research Programs

Dear Dr. Roland-Nawi,

In our March 19, 2013, letter I informed you of a U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) proposal to relocate and consolidate some of its off-site Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL) research activities to a new facility that DOE would construct at the University of California Richmond Field Station (RFS), in Richmond, California. Our letter advised that we would initiate consultations with you upon the completion of an evaluation on the impacts that the proposed undertaking (also referred to herein as "the Project") would have upon the historic and cultural significance of the site and the structures located there. That review has now been completed and the associated reports are enclosed. Also enclosed is the Project Summary in which DOE has determined that two of the buildings scheduled for demolition (Buildings 150 and 175) within the Area of Potential Effect (APE) are eligible for listing under the National Register of Historic Places Criterion (A). The reports also found no potential adverse impacts to the buildings that would be left standing within the APE.

DOE has therefore determined that Buildings 150 and 175, which are proposed for demolition as part of the proposed undertaking, would be adversely affected. DOE considered alternatives for avoiding and minimizing the adverse effects to these two properties. However, the alternatives either limited the site's ability to meet the Project's need or left the buildings in a condition that would result in their deterioration.

Because DOE is unable to avoid or minimize the adverse effects to these historic properties, DOE proposes to mitigate the impact to these properties through preparation of Historic American Buildings Survey/Historic American Engineering Record (HABS/HAER) documentation. In addition, to reduce potential adverse effects to archeological resources that

may be uncovered during construction, the Project will implement standard project features to protect any such archeological resources. These standard project features are best management practices recommended by our consulting archaeologist; they include site-worker education, appropriate monitoring of excavation, and stop-work and reporting procedures to be employed if suspected resources are discovered.

Based on the findings and determinations herein, we are formally initiating consultation with you in accordance with 36 CFR 800.3(c) (3). We respectfully request your concurrence with our proposed mitigation strategy. If you are in agreement, we will prepare a Memorandum of Agreement for signature specifying the level of HABS/HAER documentation and the standard project features that will be implemented.

Please contact Mr. Kim Abbott of my office at 510-486-7909 regarding this consultation and proposed mitigation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Aundra Richards".

Aundra Richards, Manager
Berkeley Site Office

Enclosures:

The Historic Properties Survey Report for Portions of the Richmond Field Station
The Cultural Resources Inventory Report for Portions of the Richmond Properties
The Relocation and Consolidation of LBNL Off-Site Research Programs Project Summary

cc (w/ encl.):

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