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Mr. John Sylvest
Project Review Coordinator
State Historic Preservation Office
South Carolina Department of Archives and History
8301 Parklane Road, Columbia, SC 29223

SUBJECT: Mount Pleasant Quonset Hut Demolition, Charleston County, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Sylvest,

Under the terms of the *Nationwide Programmatic Agreement for Army National Guard Readiness Centers Maintenance and Repair*, that both the South Carolina Army National Guard (SCARNG) and the South Carolina State Historic Preservation Office (SC SHPO) have mutually agreed to adopt, I am writing to inform you of a proposed project at the Mount Pleasant Readiness Center. The SCARNG proposes to perform asbestos abatement and demolish a Quonset hut at the Mount Pleasant Readiness Center. We are seeking your agency's concurrence under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA; 36 CFR 800) that our Proposed Action will have **no adverse effect** to historic properties, including archaeological and historic resources, eligible for listing on the NRHP.

Background

The Mount Pleasant Readiness Center was established in 1963 and consists of a total of nine structures on six acres of land in Charleston County, South Carolina. The Mount Pleasant Type B armory sits approximately fifty yards south of Mathis Ferry Road and was constructed in 1963. This building was assessed by the South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology (SCIAA) in 2011. Due to the extensive renovations that occurred in 1983, the SCIAA recommended that the armory lacked architectural integrity. Consequently, the site was recommended as ineligible for listing on the NRHP. However, the Keeper of the National Register subsequently determined that the Mount Pleasant

Type B Armory was eligible for listing on the NRHP in 2011.

Undertaking

The SCARNG is currently preparing environmental documentation for the demolition of the Quonset hut at the Mount Pleasant Readiness Center. No ground disturbance is proposed for this undertaking. According to the SCARNG's Real Property records, the Mount Pleasant Quonset hut was installed at the Readiness Center in 1987. However, according to Plaag (2011:147) the building was added in 1973 as the NCO Club. The Quonset hut measures approximately 1,920 square feet. It is unclear if the building was originally constructed at the Mount Pleasant facility or if like the majority of the SCARNG's Quonset huts it was relocated from its original construction location. Although the building is not 50 years old, the SCARNG is submitting this project for review in accordance with the Keeper's 2011 recommendation that ancillary structures be included for consideration of potential historic districts.

Recommendation

Based on the nature of the project and our understanding of the proposed undertaking we seek concurrence that the proposed undertaking will have **no adverse effect** to the historic character of the eligible structure.

We respectfully request that you respond in writing to this request within thirty (30) days as per 36 CFR 800.3(c)(4). Your response will become part of our written record documenting this concurrence and included within the associated NEPA documentation.

Please send your written responses via regular mail or email to:

Rachel Morgan, MA, RPA
Cultural Resource Manager
SCARNG Environmental Office
5401 Leesburg Rd, Building #3924
Eastover, SC 29044

Sincerely,



Rachel Morgan, MA, RPA
Cultural Resource Manager
South Carolina Army National Guard



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Mt. Pleasant Quonset Hut Demolition



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▲ Eligible

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Historic Areas

● Not Eligible or Requires Evaluation

▭ Significant Resource/Requires Evaluation

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Sources: Esri, HERE, Garmin, Intermap, increment P Corp, GEBCO, USGS.

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Figure 4: Mount Pleasant Armory.



Figure 5: Mount Pleasant Armory.



Figure 6: Mount Pleasant Quonset Hut.



Figure 7: Mount Pleasant Quonset Hut.



Figure 8: Mount Pleasant Quonset Hut.



Figure 9: Mount Pleasant Quonset Hut.