



January 18, 2019

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Re: Richardson Solar Project, Cultural Resources Reconnaissance Survey  
Barnwell County, South Carolina  
SHPO Project No. 15-ED0126

Dear William Green:

Our Office received documentation on December 17, 2018 that you submitted as due diligence for the project referenced above, including the draft report, *Cultural Resources Reconnaissance Survey of Approximately 48 Acres at the Richardson Solar Project*. This letter is for preliminary, informational purposes only and does not constitute consultation or agency coordination with our Office as defined in 36 CFR 800: "Protection of Historic Properties" or by any state regulatory process. The recommendation stated below could change once the responsible federal and/or state agency initiates consultation with our Office.

The reconnaissance survey investigated the approximately 48-acre project area. As a result of the survey, no archaeological sites were identified. Six newly recorded historic resources (SHPO Site Nos. 0496-0501) were identified adjacent to the project area. SHPO Site Nos. 0496-0501 are recommended as not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Our office concurs with these recommendations.

If the Richardson Solar Project were to require state permits or federal permits, licenses, funds, loans, grants, or assistance for development, we would recommend to the federal or state agency or agencies that:

- SHPO Survey Forms be completed and submitted to our office for SHPO Site Nos. 0496-0501 (Please see attached *Technical Comments* for additional information regarding this recommendation).
- Additional intensive cultural resources survey is needed in the 7 acres of the project area identified as having high potential for containing archaeological resources (Please see attached *Technical Comments* for additional information regarding this recommendation).

The federal or state agency or agencies will take our recommendation(s) into consideration when evaluating the project and will determine if additional survey will be required.

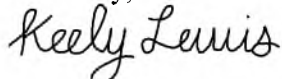
Our office has additional technical comments on the report that we ask to see addressed (please see attached). We will accept the report as final once these comments are addressed; there is no need to send a revised draft.

Please provide GIS shapefiles for the surveyed area (and architectural sites as applicable). Shapefiles for identified archaeological sites should be coordinated with SCIAA. Shapefiles should be compatible with ArcGIS (.shp file format) and should be sent as a bundle in .zip format. Please see our GIS Data Submission Requirements and shapefile templates, available on our website at: <https://scdah.sc.gov/historic-preservation/historic-properties-research/archsitegis>. SHPO recommends e-mailing the shapefiles to the address link on the noted webpage or using a File Transfer Protocol website such as WeTransfer.com to send large files.

The State Historic Preservation Office will provide comments regarding historic architectural and archaeological resources and effects to them once the federal or state agency initiates consultation. Project Review Forms and additional guidance regarding our Office's role in the compliance process and historic preservation can be found on our website at: <https://scdah.sc.gov/historic-preservation/programs/review-compliance>.

Please refer to SHPO Project Number 15-ED0126 in any future correspondence regarding this project. If you have any questions, please contact me at (803) 896-6181 or at [KLewis@scdah.sc.gov](mailto:KLewis@scdah.sc.gov)

Sincerely,



Keely Lewis  
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State Historic Preservation Office

### **Technical Comments**

Please provide electronic copies of the survey forms and photographs for the above-ground resources (SHPO Site Nos. 0496-501) following the [Electronic Submission Requirements for Planning Surveys and Review & Compliance Surveys](#). We request that draft survey forms be submitted with draft reports for review.

p. 3- As 7 acres of the project area were determined to have high potential for containing archaeological sites, and shovel test transects within these areas did not indicate that they had been previously disturbed to such a degree that archaeological materials, if present, are no longer in context, we would still consider these areas to be high probability and would recommend proceeding to an intensive survey.

pp. 5-10- Please provide estimated construction dates in the individual evaluations for all of the above-ground resources (SHPO Site Nos. 0496-501).

p. 6- TYPO: Resource No. 0498000