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SC Department of Archives & History  
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***RE: Cultural Resources Survey of the US 701 North Widening Project, Horry County, South Carolina***

Dear Mr. Wilkinson:

Please find attached one copy of the above-referenced report that describes cultural resources investigations conducted for proposed improvements to US 701 in **Horry County**, South Carolina.

The study area for the investigations encompassed an approximately 7.24-kilometer (4.5 mile) segment of US 701 north of the town of Conway. Several sideroads intersecting with US 701 were also examined during the investigation. Within the study area the archaeological survey universe (SU) extended 30 m to either side of existing rights-of-way (ROWs) (up to 45.72 m to either side of the present road centerline) along US 701 and all side roads. The architectural SU was 182 m wide, extending 91 m to either side of present road centerlines.

The archaeological survey resulted in the discovery of five historic (late 19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> century) sites, including two homesites, two artifact scatters, and one artifact scatter/dump. In addition, one isolated find consisting of a Pre-Contact rhyolite reduction flake of unknown age, and a second isolated find consisting of two small brick fragments were recorded. All of the sites and the isolated finds are recommended as **not eligible** for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).

The architectural survey resulted in the documentation of 23 new resources, most of which are houses. In addition, a heretofore unrecorded outbuilding was documented that is associated with a previously recorded dwelling. All of the newly identified resources are recommended as **not eligible** for the NRHP. However, Resource 3804, the Poplar United Methodist Church Cemetery, although not NRHP eligible, is protected under South Carolina Law and should be avoided during the current undertaking. In addition, ten previously recorded resources were revisited during the survey. Four of these resources were found to be no longer extant. The remaining six resources were previously assessed as **not eligible** for the NRHP, and this assessment was reaffirmed during the current study.

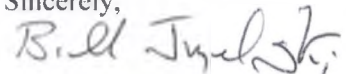
Based on the results of the background research and field investigations, the Department has determined that **no historic properties will be affected** by the proposed undertaking.

This information is being provided in support of a United States Army Corps of Engineers permit application. It is requested that you review the enclosed material, and, if appropriate,



indicate your concurrence in the Department's findings. Please respond within 30 days if you have any objections or if you have need of additional information.

Sincerely,



Bill Jurgelski  
Archaeologist

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I (~~do not~~) concur in the above determination.

Signed: Joseph E. Wilkinson Date: 4/9/19

cc: Keith Derting, SCIAA