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Project: MHPC #0396-10, DRMO impact area near Quarters S and N, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard  
Location: Kittery, Maine

Dear Ms. Riordan:

In response to your recent request, I have reviewed the information received February 22, 2010 to initiate consultation on the above referenced project. We are reviewing this project pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended.

According to the Architectural Resources Survey, Quarters N was built c.1840, with a second date given as 1934 (possibly alterations). It is considered to be a contributing resource in the National Register eligible district. Quarters N is also located in an area of high sensitivity for historic archaeological resources. The area around Quarters N may contain significant archaeological deposits and features relating to this early residence. Therefore, the Commission recommends that Phase I archaeological testing be conducted south and west of the structure where excavation is scheduled, and around the rest of the building where pre-excavation sampling is planned.

It does not appear that the proposed project will have an impact on architectural resources, and we have no concerns relating to prehistoric archaeological resources.

If you have any questions about our recommendations relating to historic archaeological resources, please contact Leon Cranmer of our staff at 287-8304.

Sincerely,

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Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer