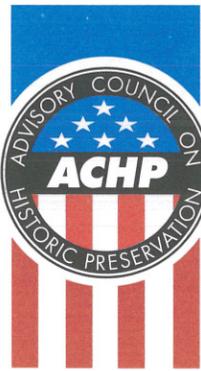


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July 13, 2012

The Honorable Ray Mabus
Secretary of the Navy
Office of the Secretary of the Navy
2000 Navy Pentagon
Washington, DC 20350-2000

Ref: *Proposed Wind Energy Project at Naval Station Newport
Newport, Newport County, Rhode Island*

Dear Secretary Mabus:

In response to a notification by the Navy, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) will participate in consultation to develop a programmatic agreement for the proposed Wind Energy Project in Rhode Island. Our decision to participate in this consultation is based on the *Criteria for Council Involvement in Reviewing Individual Section 106 Cases*, contained within our regulations. The criteria are met for this proposed undertaking because the undertaking has substantial impacts on important historic properties.

Section 800.6(a)(1)(iii) of our regulations requires that we notify you, as the head of the agency, of our decision to participate in consultation. By copy of this letter, we are also notifying Captain D. W. Mikatarian of this decision.

Our participation in this consultation will be handled by Louise Dunford Brodnitz who can be reached at 202-606-8527 or lbrodnitz@achp.gov. We look forward to working with your agency and other consulting parties to consider alternatives to this undertaking that could avoid, minimize, or mitigate potential adverse effects on historic properties and to reach a programmatic agreement.

Sincerely,

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