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Mark Patterson BRAC Environmental Coordinator Fort Wingate Depot Activity Department of the Army P. O. Box 268 Fort Wingate, NM 87316

RE: Permit Section VII.G.3

Dear Mr. Patterson:

The Cultural Resource Compliance Section of the Navajo Nation Historic Preservation Department (HPD) has reviewed the letter dated January 3, 2013 notifying the Navajo Nation of a proposed undertaking under Permit Section VII G. 3, soil sampling under former transformer site I-25. It is our understanding that the test will be done in a area previously disturbed by the construction of Igloos, roads and transformer I-25. The Navajo Nation Historic Preservation Department, recommends that all known cultural resources be avoided. Should any unknown resources be encountered during the sampling, the NNHPD recommends that all work cease in the area and that this office be notified.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call Ron Maldonado at (928) 871-7139 .or ronpmaldonado@navajo-nsn.org

Sincerely Ian S. Downer, Director