

Mr. Joseph Garrison

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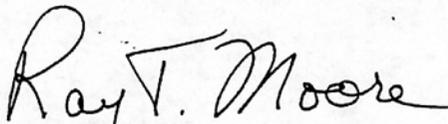
Native American or other ethnic traditional use areas, cemeteries, or religious sites are known to be present in the developed Y-12 Plant area.

Two sites are under consideration as possible locations for a proposed new HEU Materials Facility. Neither site is within or adjacent to the proposed historic district. One site is currently a paved parking lot adjacent to Bear Creek Road, and the other alternative site is presently used as a metal scrapyards. The proposed new HEU Materials Facility would not present visual or other impacts to the proposed historic district. The DOE has determined that the construction and operation of the HEU Materials Facility would not have an adverse effect on historic properties.

The DOE has determined that implementing the Y-12 Plant SWEIS "Action" alternatives may require undertakings that could have an adverse effect on historic properties, specifically buildings in the proposed Y-12 Plant historic district. Potential impacts could include the physical destruction of historic properties, changes in the character of the use of historic properties, the neglect of properties leading to deterioration, loss of components contributing to the integrity of historic properties, and alterations to the setting. DOE will comply with provisions in the Programmatic Agreement (PA) and/or the final Cultural Resources Management Plan (CRMP) to evaluate, address, and mitigate possible adverse effects that would result from the Y-12 Plant SWEIS "Action" alternatives in consultation with your office. Please provide written confirmation of your concurrence with the above process for compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

Your input will be used in preparation of the SWEIS. We would appreciate a reply to this letter by November 24, 1999. If you need further information on this request, please call me at (423) 576-9574.

Sincerely,



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