APPENDIX G:

CONSULTATION LETTERS

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY LETTERS TO STATE AGENCIES AND RECOGNIZED NATIVE AMERICAN GROUPS

Department of Energy

Oak Ridge Operations Office
P.O. Box 2001
Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37831—

July 18, 2002

Mr. Ron Sparkman
Chairperson
Shawnee Tribe
P.O. Box 189
Miami, OK 74355

Dear Mr. Sparkman:

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The enclosed maps show the location of the PORTS site and the alternative facility locations under consideration at PORTS. Cultural resource inventories have been initiated at PORTS. In most cases the likelihood of cultural resources being disturbed by construction activities is low. Only Location B includes some land with high archaeological sensitivity. The potential effects of the operation of the facilities on cultural resources located in the area surrounding PORTS will be evaluated in the EIS.

We have determined, in accordance with §800.3 of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's (Council) revised regulations for the protection of historic properties, that DOE's proposed action for the conversion of DUF_6 is: (1) an undertaking, as defined in 36 CFR §800.16(y); and (2) is a type of activity that has the potential to cause effects on historic properties. In accordance with §800.8(c) of the Council's regulations, we are notifying you, and the Council by copy of this letter, that we intend to use the process and documentation required to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) for this undertaking. In using the NEPA process in lieu of the procedures set forth in §800.3 through §800.6 of the Council's regulations (i.e., the Section 106 process), we will ensure the standards set forth in §800.8(c)(1) through §800.8(c)(5) are met.

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Please contact us if you have any concerns or comments regarding the proposed project. Any information you provide regarding specific cultural resources will remain confidential as stipulated in 36 CFR Part 800.11. To ensure that your concerns receive full consideration, please submit any comments within 30 days of the receipt of this letter.

Thank you for your attention to our notification of initiation of consultation. If you have any questions or need additional information on this matter, please contact me at (865) 576-0273 or by email at hartmangs@oro.doe.gov.

Sincerely,

Gary S. Hartman

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Mr. Ronald Froman
Principal Chief
Peoria Indian Tribe of Oklahoma
P.O. Box 1527
Miami, OK 74355

Dear Chief Froman:

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The enclosed maps show the location of the PGDP site and the alternative facility locations under consideration at PGDP. Cultural resource inventories have been initiated at PGDP. In most cases the likelihood of cultural resources being disturbed by construction activities is low. Only Location B includes some land with high archaeological sensitivity. The potential effects of the operation of the facilities on cultural resources located in the area surrounding PDGP will be evaluated in the EIS.

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July 18, 2002

Dr. Joseph Garrison
Tennessee Historical Commission
Department of Environment and Conservation
2941 Lebanon Road
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0442

Dear Dr. Garrison:

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Depleted Uranium Hexafluoride (DUF_6) Management Program, is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) concerning its plans to convert DUF_6 stored at the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant (PORTS), located in Pike County, Ohio, the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant (PGDP), located in McCracken County, Kentucky, and the East Tennessee Technology Park (ETTP), located at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. The EIS will also evaluate transporting DUF_6 from storage at ETTP, Oak Ridge, Tennessee. In some conversion scenarios a cylinder transfer facility would be built at ETTP. Locations at the PGDP and the PORTS are being considered for the conversion facility. In 1999, the DOE prepared a Programmatic EIS for Alternative Strategies for the Long-Term Management and Use of DUF_6. The current site specific EIS will evaluate the construction and operation of a facility to convert the stored DUF_6 to a more stable chemical form. The Notice of Intent to prepare the EIS was published on September 18, 2001 in the Federal Register. Public scoping for the DUF_6 EIS took place between September 18, 2001 and January 11, 2001 and included meetings and written and electronic correspondence. The enclosed map shows the location of the ETTP. No construction sites have been proposed at ETTP to date. The effects on cultural resources of constructing a transfer facility will be evaluated in a future document if and when specific construction sites are proposed. The potential effects of the operation of the facilities on cultural resources located in the area surrounding ETTP will be evaluated in this EIS.

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Mr. Gary White Deer
Chickasaw Nation of Oklahoma
P.O. Box 1548
Ada, OK 74821

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