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Mr. Mark Wolfe
 State Historic Preservation Officer
 Texas Historical Commission
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NO HISTORIC
 PROPERTIES AFFECTED
 PROJECT MAY PROCEED
 by Mark Wolfe
 for Mark Wolfe
 State Historic Preservation Officer
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 Texas Historical Commission

Dear Mr. Wolfe:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 is considering issuing a Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) permit to Lon C. Hill, LP (LCH) for Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions. The proposed PSD permit would allow for construction of a new "2x1" combined cycle natural gas-fired power plant at 3501 Callicoatte Road, Corpus Christi, Nueces County, Texas (Latitude 27°48'29.34", Longitude -97°26'12.25").

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), EPA determines that the issuing of this permit constitutes an "undertaking," and as such, examines its potential for having an effect on historic properties. A cultural resources report was prepared by Horizon Environmental Services, Inc. (Horizon), on behalf of the Whitenton Group, a contractor for LCH. For purposes of the NHPA review, the Area of Potential Effect (APE) was determined to be the entire 45.4-acre facility site, which was formerly the site of a power plant that ceased operations in 2002 and was subsequently demolished.

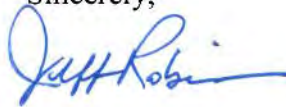
Horizon conducted a desktop review and found eight previously recorded archeological sites are present within a one-mile radius of the APE, but none are within the APE. No cemeteries or historic properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places are present within a mile of the APE. In 2008, a cultural resources background study was done for a previous proposal at the site. The Texas Historical Commission concurred with this report's recommended finding of "No Historic Properties Affected."

Based upon the information provided in the cultural resources report (enclosed), EPA Region 6 determines that because no historic properties are located within the APE of the facility site and a potential for the location of archeological resources is low within the construction footprint itself, issuance of the permit to LCH will not affect properties on or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register.

On July 2, 2014, EPA sent letters to 26 Indian tribes having historical interests in Texas to inquire whether any of the tribes wished to consult with EPA in the Section 106 process. EPA received no requests from any tribe to consult on this proposed permit. We now request your concurrence with our determination for this undertaking within 30 days.

Thank you in advance for your expeditious evaluation of this request. In the interim, please feel free to contact Alfred C. "AC" Dumauual, at (214) 665-6613, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Jeff Robinson
Chief
Air Permits Section

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Gary Clark
Asset Manager, Lon C. Hill, LP