

27 March 2017

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RE:

ER 2015-1839-042-F

COE: Phase I Archaeological Survey Report, Falcon Ethane Pipeline Project, Shell

Pipeline Company, Allegheny, Beaver, and Washington Counties

Dear Ms. Rankin:

Thank you for submitting information concerning the above referenced project. The Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office (PA SHPO) reviews projects in accordance with state and federal laws. Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, and the implementing regulations (36 CFR Part 800) of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, is the primary federal legislation. The Environmental Rights amendment, Article 1, Section 27 of the Pennsylvania Constitution and the Pennsylvania History Code, 37 Pa. Cons. Stat. Section 500 et seq. (1988) is the primary state legislation. These laws include consideration of the project's potential effects on both historic and archaeological resources.

This report meets our standards and specifications as outlined in Guidelines for Archaeological Investigations in Pennsylvania (SHPO 2016) and the Secretary of the Interior's Guidelines for Archaeological Documentation. We agree with the recommendations of this report.

Based on the information received, it is the opinion of the Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Officer that the following properties are not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places due to a lack of integrity and/or significance:

36BV0394; 36BV0395; 36WH1735; 36WH1736; 36WH1737; 36WH1739

It is the opinion of the Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Officer that the following properties are eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion D: **36BV0398**.

It is our opinion that that the portions of the site listed below located within the current area of potential effect (APE) would not contribute to overall site eligibility. No further work is needed within the APE. Please provide avoidance plans (including appropriate mapping) for the remaining portions of the sites located outside of the APE.

36WH0157; 36BV0019; 36BV0095

It is our understanding that construction-related impacts to the archaeological sites listed below will be avoided. Please provide avoidance plans and appropriate mapping for each site.

36WH1718; 36AL0716; 36WH1738; 36BV0397

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No further archaeological work is necessary for the remainder of this project area as currently defined. Should plans change, and it become necessary to impact additional areas, our office should be contacted as additional archaeological investigation may be necessary.

Thank you for providing the unanticipated finds plan in Appendix C. We concur with the plan as submitted.

Please send three digital copies (PDF preferred) on separate CDs of the final report for our files. For all copies, photographs must adhere to the National Register Photo Policy. Please also send the shape files for project APE and archaeological site mapping on an additional CD.

If you need further information regarding archaeological resources, please contact Kira Heinrich at <u>kiheinrich@pa.gov</u> or (717) 705-0700. If you need further information concerning above ground resources, please contact Barbara Frederick at <u>bafrederic@pa.gov</u> or (717) 772-0921.

Sincerely,

Douglas C. McLearen, Chief

Division of Archaeology & Protection