



Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION

April 24, 2024

Sent Via PA-SHARE

RE: ER Project # 2020PR03544.008, MINARD MINE, LARGE NONCOAL SURFACE MINE PERMIT, PA DEP Non-Coal Mines, Athens Township, Bradford County

Dear Submitter,

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.

Archaeological Resources

SHPO Sends Comments - Environmental Review - Negative Survey Report/Negative Survey Form

This report meets our standards and specifications as outlined in Guidelines for Archaeological Investigations in Pennsylvania (SHPO 2021) and the Secretary of the Interior's Guidelines for Archaeological Documentation. We agree with the recommendations of this report, and in our opinion, no further archaeological work is necessary within the USACE jurisdictional area. Our office recommends a Phase IA archaeological investigation of the remaining APE under the PA State History Code. If project plans should change and/or you should be made aware of historic property concerns, please reinitiate consultation with our office using PA-SHARE.

For questions concerning archaeological resources, please contact Casey Hanson at chanson@pa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Emma Diehl".

Emma Diehl
Environmental Review Division Manager