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Ms. Angie Curl
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Region 8 Planning and Development Council
Grant County Industrial Park
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Petersburg, WV 26847
Via email: acurl@regioneight.org

RE: Central Hampshire PSD – Southwestern Hampshire County Water Project (Phases I & II)
FR#: 21-882-HM-1

Dear Ms. Curl:

We have reviewed the abbreviated technical report titled, *Phase I Archaeological Survey for the Proposed Central Hampshire PSD Water Extension Project in Hampshire County, West Virginia*, that was prepared and submitted by Weller & Associates, Inc. for the above referenced project. As required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, and its implementing regulations, 36 CFR 800: "Protection of Historic Properties," we submit our comments.

Archaeological Resources:

According to the submitted report, the proposed project area (33.4-acres) was investigated via pedestrian survey and systematic shovel testing. A total of 14 shovel test pits were excavated within the project area. According to the report, a majority of the project's Area of Potential Effect (APE) is situated on steep terrain and/or in previously disturbed areas. All of the excavated shovel test pits exhibited disturbed soil contexts. Only modern artifacts were encountered during the survey. No new archaeological sites were identified. We concur with the recommendation that no further work is necessary. In our opinion, the proposed waterline extension project (Phases I & II) will have no effect on archaeological historic properties. No further consultation is necessary regarding archaeological resources.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service. *If you have questions regarding our comments or the Section 106 process, please Carolyn M. Kender, Archaeologist, at (304) 558-0240.*

Sincerely,

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