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February 2, 2022

Ms. Julianne Polanco
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Attn: Mr. Mark Beason

Subject: Section 106 Consultation for Building N144 USGS Bay 1 Project at Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, Santa Clara County, California

Dear Ms. Polanco:

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Ames Research Center (ARC) requests Section 106 consultation on the proposed Building N144 U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Bay 1 Project (project or undertaking) at ARC, Moffett Field, Santa Clara County, California. As the lead Federal agency, NASA ARC has determined that this project constitutes an undertaking under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (54 United States Code §306108), as amended.

NASA ARC retained AECOM to conduct a technical study for this project. The study was conducted by cultural resources professional who meet the Secretary of the Interior's professional qualifications standards (48 Federal Register 44738). The technical memo prepared by AECOM, dated February 2, 2022, which includes a description of the undertaking, the Area of Potential Effects (APE), identification efforts, and an assessment of potential effects resulting from the undertaking, is enclosed for your review. For further details on the following summary, see the attached report.

No previously identified archaeological resources were identified in the APE, and the APE is not within an area of heightened archaeological sensitivity. Ground disturbance for the undertaking would be limited and based on utility mapping, it appears the area has been previously heavily disturbed. Due to the proposed scope and lack of archaeological sensitivity, no archaeological historic properties would be affected by the undertaking.

The APE for the undertaking includes one building, Building N144. Built in 1952, Building N144 has continuously served a support function as a warehouse. It was previously evaluated for eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) in 2016. Building N144 does not meet the NRHP Criteria because it does not exhibit historical significance tied to any particular themes, events, individuals, or architectural significance related to its design, materials, type, or materials. NASA ARC determined that Building N144 was not eligible for the NRHP, and the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) concurred with that determination in a letter dated January 5, 2016 (NASA_2015_1120_001). The building has not acquired any additional historical or architectural significance since that determination and is not eligible for the NRHP.

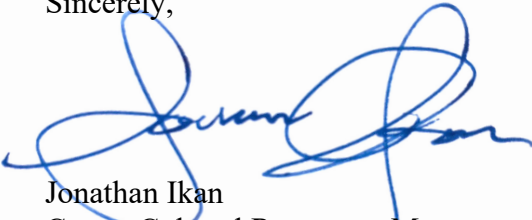
Finding of Effect

Based on the assessment conducted by qualified cultural resources professionals, NASA ARC has made a finding of No Historic Properties Affected for this undertaking.

NASA ARC requests the SHPO's concurrence on NASA ARC's finding of No Historic Properties Affected for this undertaking, pursuant to 36 C.F.R. 800.4(d)(1). NASA ARC requests the SHPO's response within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

Please contact me at jonathan.d.ikan@nasa.gov or at (650) 604-6859 with your comments or questions.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

Technical Memorandum on the Building N144 USGS Bay 1 Project, AECOM, dated February 2, 2022