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Subject: Section 106 Consultation for the MFA Natural Gas Separation Project at NASA Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, Santa Clara County, CA

Dear Ms. Polanco,

Per the requirements of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended through 2006, and its regulations found at 36 CFR Section 800, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Ames Research Center (NASA ARC) as the lead federal agency requests initiation of Section 106 consultation regarding the Moffett Federal Airfield (MFA) Natural Gas Separation Project (Undertaking) at Moffett Field in Santa Clara County, California. NASA ARC has entered into a long-term lease agreement with Planetary Ventures, LLC (PV). Pursuant to its lease, PV proposes to separate the natural gas utility systems at the eastern side of the airfield from those serving the California Air National Guard (CAANG) cantonment area to the south, as well as from NASA ARC operations. The proposed project involves the construction of two new below-grade natural gas alignments, which will tie into existing infrastructure located in the vicinity of Macon Road. Existing natural gas lines that extend throughout the eastside of the airfield that will no longer be of use following the completion of the project will be cut, capped, and abandoned in place. Additionally, the Moffett Field Golf Clubhouse (Building 934) and the Defense Fuel Support Point (DFSP) Office (Building 545) will be transitioned from the existing natural gas system to propane; new propane storage tanks and connecting lines will be installed in the immediate vicinity of each building.

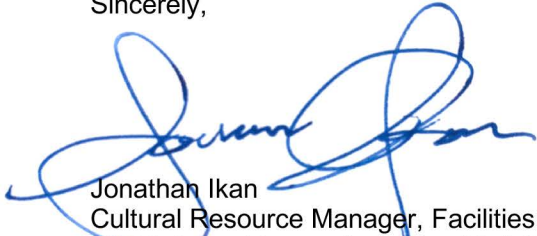
At NASA ARC and PV's request, Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. (Stantec) prepared a Technical Memorandum that includes a description of the Undertaking, the Area of Potential Effects (APE), documentation of all Native American consultation efforts, and the historic properties identified in the APE. The Technical Memorandum also includes an analysis of the Undertaking under the Criteria of

Adverse Effects, per 36 CFR Section 800.5(a) and recommendations for mitigation in the case of inadvertent discovery of unidentified cultural resources.

NASA ARC requests your concurrence on its finding of No Adverse Effect related to this Undertaking, pursuant to 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 800.5(b). NASA ARC requests your response within 30 days of receipt of this letter, as specified in 36 CFR 800.5(c).

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: One (1) copy of the Section 106 Technical Memorandum.