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Commissioner

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May 11, 2006

Nancy Adams
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
1150 North Westcott Road
Schenectady, New York 12306

Dear Ms. Adams:

Re: DEC
Troy Sand & Gravel Co. Nassau Quarry
Nassau, Rensselaer County
03PR05813

The Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) has reviewed the information submitted for this project. Our review has been in accordance with Section 14.09 of the New York Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law and relevant implementing regulations.

The OPRHP has reviewed the Phase I report that was submitted to our office on April 24, 2006. Our office has reviewed the report and has the following comments:

The *A.E. Cole Farmstead Site (A08306.000078)* is located within and adjacent to the Life of Mine. This historic agricultural complex has stone foundations within the project boundary. The existing house just outside the project area has either been modified or the archeological remains are nearby. It is our recommendation that a 50' buffer should be established around the agricultural component of the site and that it be excluded from the Life of Mine.

If the *A. E. Cole Farmstead Site* is excluded from the Life of Mine and is therefore protected, it is the opinion of the OPRHP that the project will have No Impact on historic properties in or eligible for inclusion in the State and National Registers of Historic Places.

If you have any questions, please call me at (518) 237-8643, extension 3288.

Sincerely,

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Historic Preservation Program Analyst

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cc: Steve Oberon