16 September 2008

SHPO Number 08-FK0087

Mr. Ralph Bailey, Jr.
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Re: ArborGen Tract (137.4 Acres), Dorchester County, South Carolina
Draft Report–"Cultural Resources Survey of the ArborGen Tract, Dorchester County, South Carolina" (August 2008)

Dear Mr. Bailey:

Our Office has received the draft report referenced above, prepared on behalf of MeadWestvaco Corporation, Summerville, South Carolina and in anticipation of applying for a permit from the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control–Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (SCDHEC–OCRM). Eighty-one acres were surveyed. One isolated find, Isolate 1, was identified and recommended to be not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

The recommendation stated below is based upon the information provided and could change based upon the documentation available once permit application has been made. At that time, the SCDHEC–OCRM will initiate coordination with our Office, in compliance with the South Carolina Coastal Zone Management Act of 1976, as amended (South Carolina Code Title 48, Chapter 39), the "Policies and Procedures of the South Carolina Coastal Zone Management Program", and the 1996 Memorandum of Agreement between our Offices concerning implementation of the South Carolina Coastal Management Program. This letter and recommendation are for preliminary, informational purposes only and do not constitute agency coordination with our Office.

If the 137.4 acres comprising the ArborGen Tract were to require a permit from the SCDHEC–OCRM, our Office would recommend to that agency that additional efforts to identify historic and archaeological resources on the acreage would not be necessary because the survey methods and report are consistent with the "South Carolina Standards and Guidelines for Archaeological Investigations" (2005) and qualify as a reasonable opportunity for professional examination of the tract. Our Office concurs with the report's recommendation that Isolate 1 is not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Once permit application has been made to SCDHEC–OCRM, please submit to our Office a completed copy of the SCHDEC–OCRM Project Review Form and its supporting documentation. We will then provide comment regarding National Register of Historic Places eligibility of the historic and archaeological resources and possible negative impacts on them to the SCDHEC–OCRM and the Applicant. The SCDHEC–OCRM Project Review Form and additional guidance regarding our Office's role in this process and historic preservation can be found on our website at:

http://shpo.sc.gov/revcomp/ (follow link for OCRM Project Review Form)
http://shpo.sc.gov/revcomp/process/dhec_ocrmreview.htm

Our Office will keep this anticipatory submittal on file until the beginning of 2010. We require the following finalized anticipatory reports: one paper copy and one digital copy on CD in Adobe Acrobat PDF format for our files, as well as three paper copies (one unbound, two bound) and another digital copy on CD in PDF format that we will forward to the South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology. Please be aware, however, that the report may require changes depending on documentation submitted at the time of permit application and that subsequent final copies may be necessary.

Please reference SHPO Number 08-FK0087 on any future correspondence with our Office regarding this project. If you have any questions, please contact me at (803) 896-5487 or at fknight@scdah.state.sc.us.

Sincerely,

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cc: Mr. Will McGoldrick, SCDHEC - OCRM