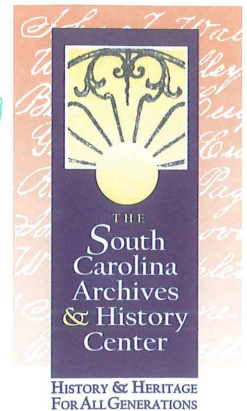


April 24, 2011

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Mr. Aaron Brummitt
S&ME, Inc.
620 Wando Park Blvd.
Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464

Re: Ridgeville Commerce Park Archaeological Survey
Dorchester County, South Carolina
SHPO No. 09RD0004

Dear Mr. Brummitt:

Thank you for your letter of March 29, which we received on March 30, regarding the above-named project. We also received the letter report, *Archaeological Survey of Approximately 700 Acres at the Proposed Ridgeville Commerce Park* as supporting documentation for this undertaking. The State Historic Preservation Office is providing comments to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations, 36 CFR 800. Consultation with the SHPO is not a substitution for consultation with Tribal Historic Preservation Offices, other Native American tribes, local governments, or the public.

S&ME conducted an intensive archaeological survey of the high probability areas with the project area. Based on the results of S&ME's survey and the 2009 survey by Charles Philips, *Cultural Resources Assessment of Southern Railroad and Thrower Tract*, and the identification of historic properties within the APE, our office believes that no properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places will be affected by this project.

If archaeological materials are encountered during construction, the procedures codified at 36 CFR 800.13(b) will apply. Archaeological materials consist of any items, fifty years old or older, which were made or used by man. These items include, but are not limited to, stone projectile points (arrowheads), ceramic sherds, bricks, worked wood, bone and stone, metal and glass objects, and human skeletal materials. The federal agency or the applicant receiving federal assistance should contact our office immediately.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (803) 896-6181 or jbarnes@scdah.state.sc.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jodi Barnes". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

Jodi Barnes, PhD
Staff Archaeologist/GIS Coordinator
State Historic Preservation Office

cc. Michael Dyer, Mead Westvaco