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In reply refer to:

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Mr. Robert B. Howard
Chief, EIS Preparation Section
United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region Four
345 Courtland Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30308

Re: 4SA-EIS
Cultural Resource Assessment Review Request
"3.5.3 Historic and Archaeological Resource"
from Draft EIS, Mississippi Chemical Corporation (MCC)
Hardee County Phosphate Mine

Dear Mr. Howard:

In accordance with the procedures contained in 36 C.F.R., Part 800 ("Procedures for the Protection of Historic and Cultural Properties"), we have reviewed the above referenced project for possible impact to archaeological and historical sites or properties listed, or eligible for listing, in the National Register of Historic Places. The authorities for these procedures are the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665) as amended by P.L. 91-243, P.L. 93-54, P.L. 94-422, P.L. 94-458, and P.L. 96-515 and Presidential Executive Order 11593 ("Protection and Enhancement of the Cultural Environment").

We have reviewed the above document and the information contained in the Florida Master Site File. We concur with the evaluation of the cultural resources presented in that document.

None of the three 20th century sites is historically significant, and three of the four aboriginal sites are so severely disturbed and eroded by 20th century land clearing and agricultural activities that they fail to satisfy the criteria for significance used in determining eligibility for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Neither preservation nor salvage excavation or historic documentation is recommended for any of the above sites.

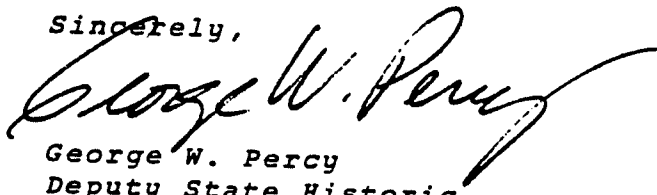
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On the other hand, aboriginal site #1, which is recorded in the Florida Master Site File as site 8Hr5 and located in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 30, T34S-R24E, is potentially significant as it represents one of the northernmost sites of the Okeechobee Basin peoples. Since the upper levels of the site have been disturbed through land clearance activities some of the categories of data contained within the site have been lost. However, subsurface testing revealed that "...large portions (of this site) are still intact" (Draft EIS, p. 19-6). In view of this information and the site's significance as one of the few Okeechobee Basin type sites recorded in this area, it is deemed potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Therefore, archaeological salvage excavation is recommended to record the data contained within this site. In view of the extensive alteration of the surrounding environment, site preservation is not recommended.

If you have any questions about our comments, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

On behalf of the Secretary of State, George Firestone, and the staff of the Bureau of Historic Sites and Properties, I would like to thank you for your interest and cooperation in preserving Florida's historic resources.

Sincerely,



George W. Percy
Deputy State Historic
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May 29, 1997

Mr. Kenneth W. Hardin
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In Reply Refer To:
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Historic Sites Specialist
Project File No. 972146

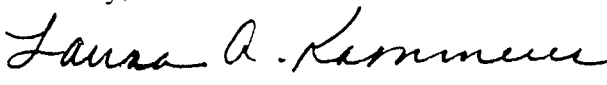
RE: Cultural Resource Assessment Request
Preliminary Cultural resource Assessment of the IMC-Agrico Company's Ona Mine Property in Hardee County Four Corners Mine DRI Amendment Areas in Manatee County, and Pine Level Mine Amendment Area in DeSoto and Manatee Counties, Florida . By Janus Research, April 1997.

Dear Mr. Hardin:

In accordance with the procedures contained in 36 C.F.R., Part 800 ("Protection of Historic Properties"), as well as the provisions contained in Chapter 267.061, Florida Statutes, we have reviewed the results of the preliminary cultural resource assessment survey and site potential overlay maps for the above referenced report. We concur with the conclusions and recommendations in the report regarding the site probability zones in the five project parcels. We further concur that these areas will need to be subjected to a cultural resource assessment survey in order to locate any prehistoric or historic archaeological sites, or historic structures and to assess their potential for National Register eligibility. We concur with the proposed survey methodology.

If you have any questions concerning our comments, please do not hesitate to contact us. Your interest in protecting Florida's historic properties is appreciated.

Sincerely,

for 
George W. Percy, Director
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and

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Mr. T. A. Smith
IMC Agrico Company, Inc.
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Mulberry, Florida 33860-1100

October 26, 1999

RE: DHR Project File No. 997680
A Cultural Resource Assessment Survey of IMC-Agrico Co.'s Ona Mine DRI, Hardee
County, Florida. By Southeastern Archaeological Research, Inc. August 1999.

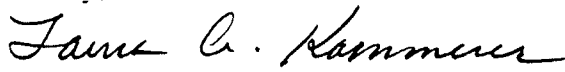
Dear Mr. Smith:

In accordance with this agency's responsibilities under Section 380.06, Florida Statutes as implemented through 1A-46 *Florida Administrative Code*, we have reviewed the results of the field survey of the referenced project and find them to be complete and sufficient.

We note that three historic structures, 8HR746, 8HR747, 8HR748 and 23 archaeological sites (8HR720-742), were located and assessed as a result of this survey. We concur with the determinations in the report that none of these sites are eligible. It is therefore the opinion of this agency that the proposed project will have no effect on sites listed, or eligible for listing, in the *National Register of Historic Places*, or otherwise of historical or archaeological value.

If you have any questions concerning our comments, please contact Ms. Robin Jackson, Historic Sites Specialist at (850) 487-2333 or 1-(800) 847-7278. Your interest in protecting Florida's historic properties is appreciated.

Sincerely,

for 
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December 17, 1999

RE: DHR Project File No. 997883
A Cultural Resource Assessment Survey of Two Additions to IMC-Agrico's Co.'s Ona Mine DRI, Hardee County, Florida. By Southeastern Archaeological Research, Inc., October 1999.

Dear Mr. Strain:

In accordance with this agency's responsibilities under Section 380.06, Florida Statutes, as well as those contained in Chapter 267.061, Florida Statutes, implemented through 1A-46 *Florida Administrative Code*, we have reviewed the results of the field survey of the referenced project and find them to be complete and sufficient.

We note that one archaeological site, 8HR762, Ona Mine #12 site and one historic structure, 8HR763, 1536 McLeod Road, were located and assessed as a result of the above referenced survey. We concur with the determinations in the report that 8HR762 and 8HR 763 are not eligible. It is therefore the opinion of this agency that no historic properties are located within the proposed project area.

If you have any questions concerning our comments, please contact Ms. Robin Jackson, Historic Sites Specialist at (850) 487-2333 or 1-(800) 847-7278. Your interest in protecting Florida's historic properties is appreciated.

Sincerely,

for

Janet Snyder Matthews, Ph.D, Director
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