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September 3, 2003

Re: DHR Project File No. 2003-7086 (2003-3202) / Received by DHR: August 11, 2003 *JAL 9/5/03*
Phase II Investigations at Site 8HR779 (Ona11)
Hardee County, Florida.

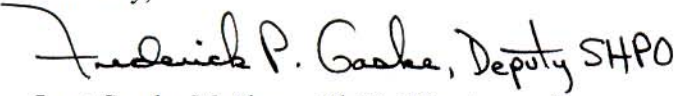
Dear Mr. Smith:

Our office received and reviewed the above referenced archaeological investigations report in accordance with this agency's responsibilities under Section 380.06, *Florida Statutes*, regarding the involvement of an archaeological resource potentially eligible for listing, in the *National Register of Historic Places*, or otherwise of historical or archaeological value in the proposed mining project. The State Historic Preservation Officer is to advise and assist state agencies when identifying historic properties listed, or eligible for listing, in the *National Register of Historic Places*, assessing effects upon them, and considering alternatives to avoid or minimize adverse effects.

The purpose of this Phase II testing was to determine the eligibility of site 8HR799 for listing in the *National Register of Historic Places*. It is the opinion of Janus Research, Inc., that due to a lack of identifiable activity areas and other features, as well as the relatively sparse nature of the artifact assemblage, site 8HR799 does not appear to meet the criteria for listing in the *National Register of Historic Places*. Based on the information provided, our office concurs with this determination and finds the submitted report complete and sufficient in accordance with Chapter 1A-46, *Florida Administrative Code*.

If you have any questions concerning our comments, please contact Mini Sharma, Historic Sites Specialist, at mtsharma@dos.state.fl.us or (850) 245-6333. Your interest in protecting Florida's historic properties is appreciated.

Sincerely,


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