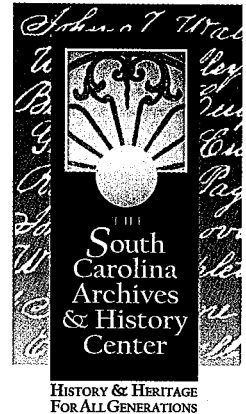


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Re: Lexington Quarry Project CRS, Draft
Lexington County, South Carolina
SHPO Site Number 15-ED0183

Dear Josh:

Thank you for your letter of November 2, which we received on November 13, regarding the above-referenced project. We also received the survey report entitled *Cultural Resources Survey of the Lexington Quarry Project, Lexington County, South Carolina* as supporting documentation for this undertaking. The State Historic Preservation Office is providing comments to the 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.

The report meets the guidelines set forth in the *South Carolina Standards and Guidelines*. During the course of investigations investigators identified eight archaeological sites (38LX640, 38LX643, 38LX649, 38LX650, 38LX651, 38LX653, 38LX654, and 38LX656) and one cemetery (38LX652). Archaeological site 38LX654, an historic farmstead, is recommended eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, C, and D. Under Criterion A, the farmstead is associated with broad trends in the local and regional economy. The site is recommended under Criterion C because the landscape and improvements convey a strong feeling of life at the turn of the century in rural South Carolina. Finally the site is recommended under Criterion D because additional archaeological research at the site may yield important information about the farmstead and the generations who lived there. We concur that site 38LX654 is eligible under Criteria A and D. We would need considerably more information illustrating the "distinctive characteristics" which make it a true representative of a particular type, period, or method of construction to support an argument for eligibility under Criterion C.

We concur that the remaining sites are not eligible for NRHP listing. No further management consideration is necessary at these sites, with the exception of the cemetery (38LX652) which, is protected from disturbance and desecration under South Carolina state law (South Carolina Code of Laws 16-17-600).

In the future, we request that cemeteries with grave markers be recorded as above-ground resources (see our 2013 guidance at <http://shpo.sc.gov/programs/Documents/RecordingCemeteriesGuidance.pdf>).

We are unable to concur with the determination of "no adverse effect" at this time. In order to concur with an effect determination we request a project description, maps, plans and possibly a description of the importance of setting to the eligibility of 38LC654, particularly in regards to its eligibility under Criterion A.

To complete the reporting process: We require two (2) bound and one (1) unbound hard copy on acid-free paper and two (2) digital copies in PDF format. Investigators should send all copies directly to SHPO. SHPO will distribute the appropriate copies to SCIAA.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Emily Dale".

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