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Mitch Zoll
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Re: City of Alexandria Department of
Redevelopment, Madison County
Overby Property
613 W. Washington Street, Alexandria
Indiana Brownfields Program

Dear Mr. Zoll:

This letter is to serve as the Indiana Brownfields Program’s (“Program”) formal request for a Section 106 National Historic Preservation Act review by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources’ Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology for the property located at 613 West Washington Street, Alexandria, Madison County. The Program is the recipient of a federal Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) grant for environmental remediation awarded by the U.S. Environmental Protracction Agency. As a condition of use of the federal funds, the Program must ensure a review is conducted to determine the potential applicability of the National Historic Preservation Act to the Site. The federal funds will be used to remove 2 underground storage tanks (USTs) and associated pump island/piping and remediate environmental impacts at the Site, including removing soil contamination. The Program is currently using the federal Brownfields grant to address petroleum sites through a Rapid RLF Remediation Sub-grant Initiative (“Initiative”). Due to the pace of this Initiative, the Remediation Work Plan (RWP) has not yet been prepared, but will be submitted as an addendum to this letter, if needed, once the bidding is completed and the environmental contractor has been selected. This letter is to initiate the review process.

Federal Funding Source: The City of Alexandria Department of Redevelopment plans to enter into a sub-grant agreement with the Program and will use federal funds to remediate environmental impacts identified on the Site. A site map is included with this letter as “Exhibit A” for your reference and review. Photographs depicting the current site conditions are attached as “Exhibit B”.
**Site Background:** The Site is located at 613 West Washington Street, Alexandria, Indiana, and is a 0.20 acre parcel. It was the location of auto repair/auto wrecking activities from 1927 through the 1980s. A gasoline station operated on the site from the 1050s through the 1980s. In 2013, it was acquired via the tax delinquency process, and currently consists of a concrete slab and some asphalt driveways. All structures have been demolished down to grade. The Site is contaminated with petroleum products in the soil and ground water. The redevelopment plan is for reuse as a park or as an employee break area for employees of a nearby business.

**Historical Status of Site:** The Site is not listed on State or National Registries

**Sources of Historical Information:** Indiana DNR SHAARED Database/Indiana Buildings, Bridges, and Cemeteries Map

Thank you for your assistance with the Section 106 review process. In order to facilitate the appropriate review by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Program requests that all correspondence from your office to the Program be copied to Patricia Polston, Project Manager, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 W. Jackson Blvd., BB-7J, Chicago, IL 60604. Please feel free to contact me at (317) 234-6018 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Program Counsel

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cc: via electronic transmission
Patricia Polston, U.S. EPA