



October 16, 2023

Sent Via PA-SHARE

RE: ER Project # 2020PR03544.005, MINARD MINE, LARGE NONCOAL SURFACE MINE PERMIT, PA DEP Non-Coal Mines, Athens Township, Bradford County

Dear Submitter,

Thank you for submitting information concerning the above referenced project. The Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office (PA SHPO) reviews projects in accordance with state and federal laws. Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, and the implementing regulations (36 CFR Part 800) of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, is the primary federal legislation. The Environmental Rights amendment, Article 1, Section 27 of the Pennsylvania Constitution and the Pennsylvania History Code, 37 Pa. Cons. Stat. Section 500 et seq. (1988) is the primary state legislation. These laws include consideration of the project's potential effects on both historic and archaeological resources.

Archaeological Resources

More Information Requested - Environmental Review - More Info Archaeological - High Prob

Based on additional information provided to our office from the public, there is a high probability that National Register-eligible archaeological sites are present within this project area. These sites could be adversely affected by project activities. It is our opinion that a Phase I archaeological survey with deep testing should be conducted to locate potentially significant resources within the Limits of Disturbance. If the originally designated area of avoidance will still be avoided by project impacts, then no additional survey is recommended in that area. Guidelines and instructions for conducting all phases of archaeological survey in Pennsylvania are available on our website:
<https://www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/About/Documents/Guidelines%20for%20Archaeological%20>

More Information Requested - New Survey

Please use this request for more information to enter survey and resource details and upload the archaeological survey report. Please submit the requested materials to the PA SHPO through PA-SHARE using the link under SHPO Requests More Information on the Response screen.

For questions concerning archaeological resources, please contact Casey Hanson at chanson@pa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Emma Diehl'.

Emma Diehl

Environmental Review Division Manager