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RE: ER 2014-0106-049-J

DOE: Phase II Archaeological Evaluation, Site 36ER0327 (LEC 4), Lake Erie

Connector Project, Girard Township, Erie County

Dear Mr. Kirk:

Thank you for submitting information concerning the above referenced project. The Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office 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.

This report meets our standards and specifications as outlined in Guidelines for Archaeological Investigations in Pennsylvania (PA SHPO 2016) and the Secretary of the Interior's Guidelines for Archaeological Documentation. We agree with the recommendations of this report. It is our opinion that the portion of archaeological site 36ER0327 (LEC 4 Site) within the area of potential effect (APE) would not contribute to the National Register eligibility of the overall site. No further archaeological work is necessary for the portion of the site area within the current APE. If the APE changes our office should be contacted as additional archaeological evaluation may be needed.

Please send one bound copy and three digital copies (PDF preferred) on separate CDs of the final report for our files. For all copies, photographs must adhere to the National Register Photo Policy.

If you need further information regarding archaeological resources, please contact Kira Heinrich at kiheinrich@pa.gov or at (717) 705-0700. If you need further information concerning above ground resources, please contact Barbara Frederick at bafrederic@pa.gov or at (717) 772-0921.

Sincerely,

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Douglas C. McLearen, Chief

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