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Dr. Ramone B. McCoy
Bureau of Land Management
2610 Sweetwater Avenue
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RE: Work Plan Addendum for the East Ravine Investigation-Topock Remediation Project:
BLM101025A

Dear Dr. McCoy:

Thank you for requesting my comments on the above cited undertaking. My staff has reviewed the documentation you provided including the additional information we requested regarding tribal consultation and I would like to offer the following comments.

The proposed undertaking is a continuance of the ground water remediation, which has been on-going. The current action is to install nine primary and three secondary/contingent groundwater wells. You have concluded that the undertaking will have an effect on known historic properties however with conditions that effect would not be adverse. In the past, I have recognized the need for the ground water remediation, but I have also expressed concerns regarding the cumulative effect of continuing to add additional wells. In the past I have also concluded such action as being proposed resulted in adverse effects to historic properties. As provided for in Memorandum of Agreement for Topock Interim Measure III, I have sought information to more carefully define the historic property and how it might be affected. While I do not object to your determination of effect with conditions to minimize audio and visual effects to all historic properties, I request you carefully consider the need for any additional wells. At some point the cumulative effects will not be even partially addressed with conditions and avoidance of known material historic properties. I encourage initiating the development of the Cultural and Historic Properties Management Plan to guide all future actions associated with this Undertaking.

Thank you for requesting my comments. If you have any questions, please contact Dwight Dutschke or Susan Stratton at 916-445-7000.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan K. Stratton for".

Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA
State Historic Preservation Officer