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Subject: Comments to Final Draft Policy - Treatment of Burial Sites, Human Remains and Funerary Objects

Dear Dr. Dean and ACHP:

Here are my comments to the Final Draft of the ACHP Policy regarding treatment of burial sites, human remains and funerary objects.

In review of the Final Draft Policy, I am very concerned that this revised policy applies to Federal Agencies **only** for encounters or possible encounters under Section 106 of the NHPA. And under Scope and Applicability, "that to be considered under section 106 of NHPA, the burial site must be part of a historic property, meaning either listed on or eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places".

This is way too restrictive. What about burials in isolated areas or anywhere which cannot and will not qualify for inclusion on the NRHP? **This revised policy must apply to any site containing burials, human remains, and funerary objects - where ever they are encountered.** Again, I may have interpreted this restriction incorrectly, but as I see it, this policy must apply whenever or where ever a historic burial is encountered or may be encountered irregardless of National Register of Historic Places considerations.

The rest of the Policy is very clear and sensitive to consultation and treatment of these historic remains.

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