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Attached please find comments on the above named subject from Illinois. Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment.

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Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's  
Draft "Policy Statement Regarding Treatment of Burial Sites, Human Remains and  
Funerary Objects"  
Listed in Federal Register Vol. 71, No. 49, Tuesday, March 14, 2006

Recommended Changes:

Principle 3: Discussion does not include consultation with other ethnic groups that also may claim unmarked burials, which may be subject to discovery during federal project implementation. Focus is solely on Native Americans, Tribes, and Native Hawaiian organizations, when it should be inclusive of all ethnic groups (e.g. Hispanics, Arcadians, Africans, etc.)

Principle 8: Especially in the case of burials where cultural affiliation is indeterminate, there is no allowance to treat the scientific community as a viable "interested party" for consultation purposes. Unique information about human past can be accessed only through burial sites and examination of human remains. The scientific community has a legitimate concern to record this information before the respectful reburial of human remains to the appropriate descendants that have claimed the remains.

Comments by  
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