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Subject: Re: FW: ACHP's Human Remains Policy/Request for Comments

Thank you for notifying us about the draft updated ACHP human remains policy recently posted on the Federal Register. We appreciate having had the opportunity to review the material prior to the summer ACHP meeting.

GSA supports the new guidance, which could help to avert difficulties like those GSA faced with the African Burial Ground discovery. The Working Principals are sensible and provide a sound procedural framework for developing an appropriate sequence of actions to deal with human remains appropriately. We look forward to working with the Council as we move forward, along with other agencies, to establish procedures for these sensitive discoveries.

Regards,

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The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) is seeking public input on plans to revise and update its "Policy Statement Regarding Treatment of Human Remains and Grave Goods." While the revised policy will apply to decisions made in the context of the Section 106 review process, the ACHP hopes that its policy will assist other agencies, organizations, or governments seeking to develop their own policies on the treatment of all human remains, burial sites, and associated funerary objects.

On Thursday, September 1, 2005, the ACHP published in the Federal Register a "Notice of Intent to Reconsider the Advisory Council's 'Policy Statement Regarding Treatment of Human Remains and Grave Goods.'" This document is also available on the ACHP's website at www.achp.gov.

We would appreciate your comments on the Working Principles section of this document, which was prepared by the ACHP member Task Force on Archeology. The Task Force will use your comments to draft an initial revision to the 1988 policy statement, which will then be distributed and subject to further review and comment. Following this consultation, the Task Force may present a revised policy statement to the full ACHP membership for adoption.

You may e-mail any comments by November 4, 2005 to archeology@achp.gov,

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