

April 3, 2012

Ms. Jennifer de Cesare
SC Department of Commerce
Industrial Buildings and Sites
1201 Main St., Ste. 1600
Columbia, SC 29201



Re: GPR of Potential Unmarked Cemetery at the Powers South Industrial Site
Laurens County, South Carolina
SHPO Project No. 11RD0134

Dear Ms. de Cesare:

Our office has received the documentation dated March 15 that S&ME submitted under the Department of Commerce Site Certification program for the tract referenced above. This letter is for informational purposes only and constitutes our office's coordination under the 2011 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the South Carolina Department of Commerce. This letter is not a result of consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act or under any pertinent state law.

In 2011, S&ME conducted a cultural resources identification survey that identified one previously recorded site 38LU301. In January 2012, Chicora Foundation conducted evaluative testing of 38LU301 to determine whether it meets the criteria for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). Without historical research, our office believes that office that 38LU301 does not meet the criteria for listing in the NRHP. Yet four loci (or activity areas) were identified with Locus C believed to include a cemetery, which is protected under state legislation (SCCL 6-1-35, 16-17-600). In March 2012, S&ME conducted GPR and field reconnaissance and determined that a cemetery was not located within the Powers Industrial Site. Therefore, if the Powers South Industrial Site were to require state permits or federal permits, licenses, funds, loans, grants, or assistance for development, we would recommend to the federal or state agency or agencies that no additional cultural resources work is necessary.

Project Review Forms and additional guidance regarding our office's role in the federal and state compliance process and historic preservation can be found on our website at <http://shpo.sc.gov/revcomp>.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (803) 896-6181 or at jbarnes@scdah.state.sc.us.

Sincerely,

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