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Mr. Bobby Deitz
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Re: A Phase II Archaeological Testing of Site 15Cw279 for a Proposed Industrial Park in Murray, Calloway County, Kentucky by Vince Versluis

Dear Mr. Deitz:

The State Historic Preservation Office has reviewed the above referenced report. During the summer of 2007, phase II archaeological testing was conducted on site 15Cw279, one of nine archaeological sites identified by Versluis and Miller in a Phase I survey of a 140 tract for a proposed industrial park in northern Murray, Calloway County, Kentucky. The portion of site 15Cw279 investigated included intact deposits associated with a twentieth century brikcrete operation. The testing resulted in the identification of numerous features associated with the manufacture of brikcrete, including stacks of brikcrete, foundations of the manufacturing structure, brikcrete lined pits. The phase II work also included in depth archival work on the property and business. The author concluded that site 15Cw279 is not eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. I concur with these findings.

While the site is not eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, the extensive work on the site and the history of brikcrete, brikcrete manufacture and the Dunn Manufacturing Company in Holland, Michigan, and documentation of local buildings built with brikcrete have added a significant chapter to the history of mid-twentieth century Murray, Kentucky. I recommend that a copy of the report be provided to the Calloway County Public Library for use by other researchers into local history.

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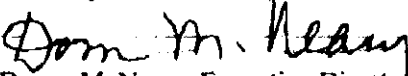
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Should you have any questions, feel free to contact Lori Stahlgren of my staff at (502) 564-7005, extension 151.

Sincerely,


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