HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMPLIANCE

The Section 106 Review Process and the WV Department of Environmental Protection

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SECTIOΝ 106

The head of any Federal agency having direct or indirect jurisdiction over a proposed Federal or federally assisted undertaking in any State and the head of any Federal department or independent agency having authority to license any undertaking, prior to the approval of the expenditure of any Federal funds on the undertaking or prior to the issuance of any license, shall take into account the effect of the undertaking on any historic property. The head of the Federal agency shall afford the Council a reasonable opportunity to comment with regard to the undertaking.

TYPICAL LEAD AGENCIES

Federal Agencies

• Office of Surface Mining (OSM)
• US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)

The lead federal agency may choose to delegate the responsibilities of the Section 106 process to a state agency. For example, OSM delegates to the WV Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) for certain undertakings.

36 CFR § 800.2(a)
DEFINITION: “undertaking”

The term "undertaking" means a project, activity, or program funded in whole or in part under the direct or indirect jurisdiction of a Federal agency, including—

1. those carried out by or on behalf of the Federal agency;
2. those carried out with Federal financial assistance;
3. those requiring a Federal permit, license, or approval; and
4. those subject to State or local regulation administered pursuant to a delegation or approval by a Federal agency.

DEFINITION: “historic property”

The term “historic property” means any prehistoric or historic district, site, building, structure, or object included on, or eligible for inclusion on, the National Register, including artifacts, records, and material remains relating to the district, site, building, structure, or object.

THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND

It is the statutory obligation of the Federal agency to fulfill the requirements of section 106.

36 CFR §800.2(a)

Consulting parties, including the SHPO/THPO, have 30 days to respond after receiving information regarding the undertaking.

36 CFR § 800.3(c)(4), § 800.4(d)(1)(i–ii), and § 800.5(c)
SECTION 106 PROCESS

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STEP 2: Identification of Historic Properties

STEP 3: Assessment of Effects

STEP 4: Resolution of Adverse Effects
STEP 1: Initiation of Review Process

Is it an **undertaking**?  Yes or No?

Does it have the **potential to affect historic resources**?  Yes or No?

If you answer “yes” for both, then:

• Identify consulting parties
• Involve the public
• Initiate consultation
STEP 1: Initiation of Review Process

The agency official shall involve the consulting parties . . . in findings and determinations made during the section 106 process. The agency official should plan consultations appropriate to the scale of the undertaking and the scope of Federal involvement.

36 CFR §800.2(a)(4)
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AREA of POTENTIAL EFFECTS (APE)

The geographic area or areas within which an undertaking may directly or indirectly cause alterations in the character or use of historic properties.

36 CFR §800.16(d)
A **direct effect** to historic properties include ground disturbance with the potential to affect archaeological resources and demolition of an eligible building or structure.

An **indirect effect** to historic properties include affects to the viewshed of a historic property, blasting area, or audible intrusions.
STEP 2: Identification of Historic Properties

Identify properties located within the APE that are **eligible** for or **included** in the National Register of Historic Places.

The agency official shall make a **reasonable and good faith effort** to carry out appropriate identification efforts.

36 CFR §800.4(b)(1)
Historic Properties include....

- **Buildings** (homes, barns)
- **Sites** (battlefields, trails, mine, landscapes, remains of a prehistoric village)
- **Structures** (bridges, canals, dams, trains)
- **Objects** (sculptures, monuments, fountains, mile markers)
- **Districts** (concentration of any of the above, residential areas, coal camps, rural villages, large farms, linked ceremonial sites)
Phase I Survey: Staff archaeologists may request that a Phase I survey be completed in the project’s APE to determine if undocumented archaeological resources are present.

Architectural Survey: Staff architectural historians may request a survey to determine if any historic structures will be directly or indirectly impacted by a proposed undertaking.
STEP 2: Identification of Historic Properties

If historic properties are not located in APE, and the SHPO concurs, process finished.

If historic properties are located in APE, but the project will have no effect or no adverse effect to the properties and the SHPO concurs, process finished.

If historic properties are located in APE and will be adversely affected by the project and the SHPO concurs, process continues.
STEP 2: Identification of Historic Properties

If Federal agent and SHPO disagree on a property’s eligibility, then the agency official shall obtain an official determination of eligibility from the Secretary of the Interior pursuant to 36 CFR, Part 63.

36 CFR §800.4(c)(2)
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STEP 3: **Assessment of Effects**

An adverse effect is found when an undertaking may *alter, directly or indirectly,* any of the characteristics of a historic property that qualify the property for inclusion in the National Register in a manner that would *diminish the integrity of the property’s location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, or association.*

*36 CFR §800.5(a)(1)*
Activities Considered *Adverse*...

- Physical *destruction* or *damage* from an undertaking
- *Alteration* of the property including work done to preserve a property not performed to the *Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties*
- *Removal* of the property
- Changes in historic *purpose* and *use*
- Changes in the property’s *setting*
- Introduction of *visual, atmospheric* or *audible* elements
- *Neglect* of a property
- *Transfer, lease, or sale* out of Federal ownership without adequate restrictions or conditions to ensure long-term preservation of the property

*36 CFR §800.5(a)*
STEP 3: Phase II National Register Evaluation

Phase II Survey: In order to determine if an archaeological resource is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places a Phase II survey may be requested.

Architectural Survey: In order to determine if an architectural resource is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places they consult the seven aspects of integrity: Location; Design; Setting; Materials; Workmanship; Feeling; and Association.
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The agency official shall consult with the SHPO/THPO and other consulting parties . . . to develop and evaluate alternatives or modifications to the undertaking that could avoid, minimize, or mitigate adverse effects on historic properties.

36 CFR §800.6(a)
STEP 4: Resolution of Adverse Effects

If the agency official and the SHPO/THPO agree on how the adverse effects will be resolved, they shall execute a memorandum of agreement.

36 CFR §800.6(b)(iv)
MEMORANDUM of AGREEMENT

• Usual result of a finding of Adverse Effect
• Used to mitigate unavoidable damage
• Outlines plan for mitigation of the adverse effect
• ACHP shall be invited to participate in mitigation
STEP 4: Mitigation

Phase III Data Recovery: Data Recovery is completed on sites determined to be eligible for or listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Data Recovery is typically done when the site cannot be avoided by the proposed undertaking.

Mitigation: One form of mitigation for architectural resources is the development of plaques utilized to educate the public about a particular region or resource. Other previous mitigation for mines and AML projects include site documentation and historical books such as the one for the Sundial (Hatfield) Refuse and Mine Complex in Edwright, Raleigh AML reclamation.
Professional Qualifications

All cultural resources must be evaluated by individuals who meet *The Secretary of the Interior’s Historic Preservation Professional Qualification Standards* (36 CFR Part 61)

Graduate degree in archaeology, anthropology, history, architectural history, architecture, cultural resource management, historic preservation, etc. *with one to two years* of professional experience in the associated field.
Completion of the Section 106 Process

The Section 106 process is considered complete when:

You have received a letter from the SHPO/THPO stating there are no cultural resources in APE, or no further consultation is necessary

You have allowed the public and other consulting parties thirty (30) days to comment on the undertaking

or

You have a signed MOA in hand and a letter from signatories indicating mitigation is complete

You have allowed the public and other consulting parties thirty (30) days to comment on the undertaking
What to Submit?
The Section 106 Checklist and the MR-SHPO Form:

West Virginia SHPO Information Sheet for Section 106 Review Projects is a checklist providing a listing of the information we recommend be submitted with all reviews. We also recommend that applicants consult our GIS WebApp to determine if significant structures or buildings previously recorded in the permit area. This information should be included with the MR-SHPO Forms.
What to Submit?

We recommend that the following information be provided:

• **Detailed description** of planned work (what, where, who, and how)
• **Maps of project area**: mark specific boundaries on a USGS 7.5′ topographic map and aerial images; include flood maps; nearby water features
• **Photographs** of the project area and areas with disturbance
• **Maps and photographs** of any buildings, foundations, cemeteries, rock overhangs, or recognizable cultural features 45+ years old located in project area or nearby vicinity
• **Original dates of construction** for structures located within project area or that have line-of-sight that are also 45+ years old
• **Exact location of project** (UTM/Lat. Long.) not just the address or a colored map
SHPO GIS Web App

http://mapwv.org/shpo
Comments and Concerns

• The MR-SHPO Field Review Site Questionnaire
• DEP’s permitting specialists/engineers are very knowledgeable about the undertakings
• The DEP Mining Permit Search and AML map websites
• The maps included with DEP submissions are detailed and provide ample information. However, GIS shapefiles could augment these
• Photographs of buildings/structures should be large enough to see the building and also show some yard or background for context
Comments and Concerns

- Section 3 of the MR-SHPO Form
- Background research
- Photographs
- Programmatic Agreement
What has been Found?
What has been Found? — Archaeology

By DEP permitted/funded undertakings completing the Section 106 process several archaeological, architectural and cemetery resources have been recorded.

Archaeological Resources:
• Dozens of lithic scatters, historic period artifact scatters, and isolated finds have been recorded
• Boone County
  • 46BO65
  • 46BO203
• Kanawha County
  • 46KA648
46BO203 – Stone Mound

Site 46BO203, stone mound facing southeast.

Artifacts from 46BO203. Top, left to right: fragment of shallow bifurcate, Kanawha Stemmed; knife blade fragment. Bottom: discoidal abrader.
46KA648 – FS # 1
What has been Found? – Architecture and Cemeteries

Most architectural resources are found during the review process.

Architectural Resources:
• Wingrove AML Emergency, Fayette County
• Adrian (Black Lick Run) AML, Upshur County

Cemetery Resources:
• Multiple previously undocumented cemeteries have also been recorded
Wingrove Mine AML
Reclamation, Fayette County

AML emergency project to remove the ruins of the site after cinder blocks securing a 200-foot shaft were breached.

After photographic documenting the property during the investigation and mapping for demolition the site was reclaimed.

• Jason Foster, AML
• Ernest Blevins, SHPO
Adrian (Black Lick Run), Upshur County

During reclamation of the red area the yellow portion was used as a borrow area. During excavations to relocate earth a mine portal and subsidence into a passage way (purple) were discovered on the site.

The site determined eligible for the NRHP. The hazard was mitigated with a special designed bat gate that had no adverse effect to the portal.

- James Connally, AML
- Ernest Blevins, SHPO
Cemetery Discoveries

• Many cemeteries have been recorded during Section 106 projects.

• Most of these cemeteries not eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

• Other laws do protect all cemeteries, including a provision which encompasses cemeteries within 100-foot buffer.
Questions?

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