



Allyson Brooks Ph.D., Director
State Historic Preservation Officer

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Ms. Caroline M. Blanco
National Science Foundation
2415 Eisenhower Avenue
Arlington, Virginia 22230

Re: LIGO STEM Observatory Project
HCRC#2020-600-004
Log No: 2020-04-02572-NSF

Dear Ms. Blanco:

Thank you for contacting our department. We have reviewed the materials you provided for proposed LIGO STEM Observatory Project at the Hanford Site, Benton County, Washington.

We concur with your Determination of No Historic Properties Affected with the stipulation for an unanticipated discovery plan.

We would appreciate receiving any correspondence or comments from concerned tribes or other parties that you receive as you consult under the requirements of 36CFR800.4(a)(4).

In the event that archaeological or historic materials are discovered during project activities, work in the immediate vicinity should be discontinued, the area secured, and the concerned tribes and this department notified.

These comments are based on the information available at the time of this review and on the behalf of the State Historic Preservation Officer in conformance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations 36CFR800. Should additional information become available, our assessment may be revised.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and a copy of these comments should be included in subsequent environmental documents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Whitlam', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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