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Ms. Jan DeVault
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Dear Ms. DeVault:

Thank you for your letter of January 30, 2012 to the Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) regarding the Battleship Texas Project. I am responding on behalf of NAVSEA and TPWD. Mr. Carter Smith, the Executive Director of TPWD, has concurred with this letter.

Your letter requested "a brief outline of the NEPA/Section 106 review process that has led to the current effort to take a 'hard look' at alternative locations for the ship." For your convenience, the information responsive to your request is located at www.dryberthtexas.com and www.achp.gov/docs/CitizenGuide.pdf.

Further, your letter requests "an invitation that welcomes and encourages the addressees to submit proposals for preserving the ship at a new location." As mentioned during the first Section 106 meeting, TPWD is using its website to solicit public participation during the Section 106 consultation process. By using a public website, NAVSEA and TPWD are able to effectively and efficiently afford all interested parties an equal opportunity to learn and comment on the Section 106 consultation process. Moreover, the website has been updated to indicate that TPWD is accepting proposals for all reasonable alternatives. The criteria that should be used to identify reasonable alternatives have also been added to the website. Proposals for reasonable alternatives must be received by TPWD no later than May 31, 2012.

As a reminder, all requests for information related to the Section 106 consultation process for the Battleship Texas project should be addressed to TPWD, the lead state agency, and NAVSEA, the lead federal agency, rather than individuals that are working in a support capacity. The point of contact for TPWD is Mr. Neil Thomas at neil.thomas@tpwd.state.tx.us or

(512)389-4355. The point of contact for NAVSEA is Ms. Tuwana Cummings at tuwana.cummings@navy.mil or (202) 781-1504.

Finally, in an effort to keep all consulting parties informed throughout the consultation process, please provide electronic or hard copies of correspondence requesting new information or clarification on existing information to all identified consulting parties. If you need a complete list of identified consulting parties, please contact Mr. Thomas at the information provided above. We look forward to working with you during the Section 106 consultation process.

Sincerely,



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