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December 2, 2011

Ms. Amanda Peters
Chief of Staff
State Representative - Wayne Smith
P.O. Box 2910
Austin, TX 78768

Re: Section 106 Consultation for the Battleship TEXAS Dry Berth Project

Dear Ms. Peters,

In mid-August, the Department of the Navy (the Navy) and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) postponed the initial Section 106 consultation meeting for the Battleship TEXAS dry berth project that was scheduled for August 18, 2011. As discussed in an email to consulting parties on August 19, TPWD had recently received verbal information from the consultant team about the results of the preliminary engineering studies, and wanted to review and consider the information in the consultant's Conceptual Design Report before rescheduling the consultation meeting.

This notice is to inform you that the Navy and TPWD have rescheduled the initial Section 106 consultation meeting and invite you to participate. The meeting will be held Thursday, January 26, 2012 from 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. at the office of AECOM, 5757 Woodway, Suite 101 West, Houston, Texas 77057. This initial meeting will provide consulting parties with an opportunity to gain an understanding of the proposed project and discuss the project and preliminary engineering studies with the Navy and TPWD. In addition, potential alternative sites, a preliminary area of potential effects (APE), and potential adverse effects that could result from the undertaking will be discussed.

In preparation for the meeting, we encourage you to read the Conceptual Design Report, as the information in it will form a common foundation as we move forward in the consultation process. You may download the report using the links located at www.dryberhtexas.com. You may also view a 26-minute video that outlines the tasks performed by the TPWD/AECOM team during the Conceptual Design phase, using a link also located at www.dryberhtexas.com.

The Navy has authorized TPWD, as the originator and developer of the proposed dry berth project, to send this invitation to you on its behalf. Please respond to this invitation by emailing us at consultingparties@dryberhtexas.com to let us know whether you will be able to attend. If you are unable to attend this first meeting, there will be additional opportunities for participation in the future. We are currently working on logistical arrangements for those consulting parties who would like to attend the meeting but

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cannot physically be in Houston. After the first of the year, we will forward additional information concerning a possible conference call or video teleconferencing capabilities for the meeting.

We appreciate your participation in this important project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Strutt". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Michael Strutt
Director of Cultural Resources

cc: Mark Wolfe, Executive Director, Texas Historical Commission (SHPO)
Naval Sea Systems Command (PMS 333)
All consulting parties