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Subject: Section 106 Consultation, Proposed Edgemoor Container Port Project, Port of Wilmington, New Castle County, Delaware. ER No. 2018.06.01.01

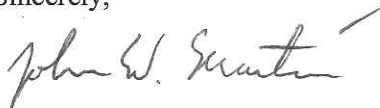
Dear Mr. Schmidt:

We have reviewed the draft report *Geophysical /Cultural Resource Survey Supporting the Edgemoor Container Port Project, Port of Wilmington, Delaware State Waters* (March 27, 2019) submitted to this office. The effort detailed in the report sought to identify or determine the likelihood of cultural resources being affected by the proposed impacts associated with the project. The Diamond State Port Corporation (DSPC) seeks to repurpose the former Chemours Edgemoor Plant site as a new container port facility on the Delaware River. The Area of Potential Effects (APE) for the investigation encompasses 130.1 ac. (62.7 ha) of riverbed that may be disturbed by dredging activities associated with the project. The reported investigation did not identify any previously recorded resources or reveal any via remote sensing within the APE. Therefore, we concur that the project, as proposed, will result in No Historic Properties Affected. We appreciate the acknowledgement of the potential for unanticipated discoveries and that situation should be noted going forward.

We find that the background research and methodology meet the standards of this Office. However, the report could use an editing review prior to finalization. Among items of note, please make sure that the references are formatted in accordance with the style guidelines of *American Antiquity*. Our archaeological survey guidelines were updated in 2015 and should be referenced. Edgemoor should be one word unless copying historical nomenclature. Table IV-3 should note what the asterisks signify. Chapter VII might include information about the results of the background research.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions at (302) 736-7406 or john.w.martin@delaware.gov. I look forward to receiving the final report so that we can add it to our research library.

Sincerely,



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cc: Gwen Davis, Deputy SHPO