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Mandatory Center of Expertise for the Curation and Management of Archaeological  
Collections (MCX-CMAC)  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis (CEMVS)  
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Re: Recertification of the Center of Expertise for the Curation and Management of  
Archaeological Collections (MCX-CMAC) at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Dear Dr. Trimble,

The Coalition for American Heritage appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Center of Expertise for the Curation and Management of Archaeological Collections (MCX-CMAC) as they are being considered for recertification. The Coalition for American Heritage is an advocacy coalition that protects and advances our nation's commitment to heritage preservation. Supported by the American Cultural Resources Association, the Society for American Archaeology, the Society for Historical Archaeology, and the American Anthropological Association, the Coalition collectively represents 300,000 cultural resource management professionals, academic archaeologists and anthropologists, and other subject experts with an interest in federal curation management.

MCX-CMAC is a valuable and essential part of the federal archaeological collections program, assisting districts of the Army Corps with meeting their compliance with federal legislation including the Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) and the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). Furthermore, they have created innovative programs like the Veteran's Curation Program (VCP), which provides returning veterans with essential work experience and job skills in curation management. Through this program, MCX-CMAC ensures its collections meet or exceed federal curation standards while providing greater public interpretation of important collections and contributing to veteran re-entry. The staff at MCX-CMAC are national experts on these topics and provide their expertise to federal, state, and academic historic preservation professionals across the country.

The Coalition enthusiastically supports MCX-CMAC recertification. If we can provide any further information on this matter, please contact me at 703-489-6059.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marion F. Werkheiser". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M' and a stylized 'F'.

Marion F. Werkheiser  
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