

1200602 EXCAVATION AND EMBANKMENT
COMMENTS FROM INTERNAL/INDUSTRY REVIEW

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1. The contractor isn't requesting a CRAS from DHR, they're requesting a review to determine whether a CRAS is needed.

120-6.2.1 Clearance: To obtain the Engineer's approval to use an off-site construction activity area that involves excavation such as a borrow pit or local aggregate pit, request in writing, a ~~Cultural Resources Assessment~~ *review for cultural resources involvement.*

Response: Agree. Changes made.

2. The proper term is "concurrence letter" not "clearance letter" (though we do always hope they will be clearance).

Do not start any work at the off-site construction activity area prior to receiving a ~~clearance~~ *concurrence* letter from ~~the~~ DHR *that no additional research is warranted.*

Response: Sentence has been rewritten as follows:

Do not start any work at the off-site construction activity area prior to receiving clearance from the DHR *that no additional research is warranted.*

3.120-3.2.1 (paragraph 2):

For certain locations, ~~the DHR~~ Division of Archives will require a Cultural Resources ~~Field~~ *Assessment* Survey before approval can be granted. When this is required, secure professional archaeological services to *complete an historical and archaeological survey report.* ~~make the survey and prepare a report.~~ Submit the report to ~~the DHR~~ Division of Archives with a copy to the Department. ~~The Engineer will base final approval or rejection of the use of the off-site construction activity area on the report.~~ *The Engineer will determine final approval or rejection of off-site construction activity areas based on input from the DHR.*

Response: The first sentence has been changed as follows:

For certain locations, the DHR will require a Cultural Resources *Assessment* Survey before approval can be granted.

4. In paragraph two, it says to submit the report to DHR with a copy to the Dept. Do we want a chance to review the report first and comment on it before it goes to DHR? Just saying...., if

the fieldwork wasn't sufficient or there were questions about the eligibility/non-eligibility of a resource, we could discuss that with the cultural resource consultant and come to a consensus prior to DHR reviewing.

Response: No. This would involve additional and unnecessary work for the Districts. It is the responsibility of the Contractor to assure the Department through proper documentation that the use of the borrow pit will have no effect on historic properties.
No changes made.
