

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Norfolk District, COE Project No. 08-4060, NAO-2008-1878 (Schenks Branch)

DHR File No. 1933-2606

Ms. Kathleen Kilpatrick, Director ATTN: Mr. Marc Holma, Architectural Historian Resource Services and Review Division Department of Historic Resources 2801 Kensington Avenue Richmond, VA 23221

Mr. John M. Fowler, Executive Director ATTN: Mr. John Eddins, Program Analyst Office of Federal Agency Programs The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Old Post Office Building 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 803 Washington, DC 20004

Mr. William T. Walker, Chief Regulatory Branch ATTN: Ms. Kathy Perdue, Environmental Scientist U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 803 Front Street Norfolk, VA 23510

Mr. Maurice Jones, City Manager
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Dear Ms. Kilpatrick, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Walker, and Mr. Jones:

In April 2011, the Virginia State Historic Preservation Officer, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), and the City of Charlottesville joined the U.S. Department of the Army, Norfolk District, Corps of Engineers (Norfolk District) as signatory parties in executing a Memorandum of Agreement (Agreement) which fulfilled the Norfolk District's responsibilities under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16

U.S.C. 470f), for its issuance of a permit to the VDOT for the McIntire Road Extended project (MRE), located in Charlottesville, Virginia. The VDOT has recently decided to modify the design of the MRE to eliminate all impacts to waters of the United States. Therefore, a permit from the Norfolk District is no longer required for construction of the MRE; and the state-funded project no longer constitutes a federal undertaking as defined in §800.16(y) of the regulations implementing Section 106 (36 CFR Part 800).

Pursuant to Stipulation XIII.B of April 2011 Agreement, the VDOT is hereby notifying your agencies and other consulting parties to the Section 106 process for the MRE of VDOT's decision not to proceed with the Federal undertaking. The Agreement of April 2011 is thus rendered null and void. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at <a href="Steve.Long@VDOT.Virginia.gov">Steve.Long@VDOT.Virginia.gov</a> or 804-371-6831.

Sincerely,

Stephen J. Long

**Environmental Division Administrator** 

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