

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIVISION

BATAAN MEMORIAL BUILDING 407 GALISTEO STREET, SUITE 236 SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501 PHONE (505) 827-6320

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Trish Byers Assistant Project Manager (Archaeologist) SWCA trish.byers@swca.com

Re: Log# 118830,Rancho Viejo Solar Project in Santa Fe County, New Mexico (NMCRIS 150271)

Dear Ms. Byers:

The SHPO concurs with the following site avoidance recommendations:

LA 200751 -AES has opted to completely avoid the site. There will be no ground disturbing activities within 100 ft of the site.

LA 200755- AES has opted to completely avoid the site by diverting their access road. There will be no ground disturbing activities within 100 ft of the site.

However, each site should be protected with temporary fencing placed 30 feet out from the site boundary and the proposed 100ft buffer should be clearly marked and visible be construction crews.

Finally, regarding new survey of the portions of the road that were altered from the original plan (western reroute to avoid LA 200755 and the eastern portion of the road that was slightly altered) an addendum survey report is sufficient. The addendum report should be uploaded into the NMCRIS database.

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact me by phone at (505)-452-6115 or e-mail me at richard.reycraft@dca.nm.gov.

Sincerely

Richard Reycraft

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