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Mr. William T. Walker, Chief, Regulatory Branch
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RE: Permit Application for the Archaeological Excavation of Human remains in Support of the James River Water Authority Project (NAO-2014-00708)

Dear Tom:

It has come to our attention that Carol Tyrer, owner of and principal archaeologist for Circa~ Cultural Resource Management LLC, does not meet The Secretary of the Interior's *Standards and Guidelines for Archeology and Historic Preservation - Professional Qualifications Standards for Archeology* (48 FR 44739). Considering this development, the Department will not be approving any permit application that identifies Ms. Tyrer as the principal archaeologist. I have enclosed the relevant correspondence from the Department to the James River Water Authority and Ms. Tyrer.

The Army Corps of Engineers is responsible under the National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. § 306131(a)(1)(a)) and its implementing regulations (36 C.F.R. § 800.2(a)(1) and (3)) to ensure that all actions and resulting documentation completed by or on behalf of a Federal agency or its applicant in support of that agency's responsibilities under 54 U.S.C. § 306108 must meet applicable standards and guidelines. We encourage the Corps to take into consideration the lack of appropriate qualifications in its review of all documents submitted by Circa~. We look forward to discussing with the Corps how it intends to address this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie V. Langan".

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