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Mandatory Center of Expertise for the Curation and Management of Archaeological Collections (MCX-CMAC)

Curation & Collections Management

Curation is defined as the long-term, professional management and care of all objects, materials, and records recovered as the result of a federal or non-federal archaeological undertaking. As part of the federal government's effort to protect and preserve the Nation's cultural and archaeological resources, regulatory mandates (particularly Title 36, Part 79 of the Code of Federal Regulations) require the federal agency to provide curatorial services that manage and preserve collections according to professional museum and archival practices. MCX-CMAC personnel include curation and collections management specialists, capable of providing expert guidance and advice regarding the proper management and curation of archaeological and archival collections.

Examples of Services Offered

- Archaeological collections management (assessments, rehabilitation, and curation plans)
- Archives and document management (recovery, processing, rehabilitation, and development of management plans for all media forms)
- Conversion and reformatting of hard copy records (e.g., paper and photographic records) to electronic or archival microfilm formats for preservation and access purposes

MCX-CMAC is located at the St. Louis District of the US Army Corps of Engineers.
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