

NATIVE AMERICAN CONSULTATION

The Mandatory Center of Expertise for the Curation and Management of Archaeological Collections (MCX-CMAC) assists other federal agencies in their consultation efforts with Native American Tribes. MCX-CMAC arranges and organizes meetings between agencies and Native American Tribes, briefs agencies on Native American communication techniques and government organization, and acts as moderators during meetings. MCX-CMAC maintains archives with up-to-date directories of tribal leaders (www.mvs.usace.army.mil/engr/curation/NagpraPOC.asp), elections, and changes in the status of federal recognition of tribes; legislation and issues of current interest to Native Peoples; and an extensive reference library. MCX-CMAC has expertise in general procedures and protocols on how to consult; special topic consultation activities (e.g., NAGPRA compliance, Section 106 compliance, identifying traditional cultural properties/sacred sites); arranging meetings, large and small; negotiating agreements; and compiling background research on the cultural history of a given location.

Ethnohistories/Culture Histories

MCX-CMAC, in cooperation with the Baltimore District, created an ethnohistory of the area now occupied by Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland. Information for this ethnohistory was gathered from a wide variety of archaeological and historical

sources, including information from the local public and Native American tribes affiliated with the area. In addition, MCX-CMAC personnel drafted a culture history of the Yavapai Tribe for Yuma Proving Ground, Arizona. This effort was closely coordinated with, and reviewed by, the Yavapai. These ethnohistories and culture histories can be used by installations as background data for various cultural resources compliance activities required by federal law and regulation.

Native American Consultation Workshop

MCX-CMAC staff members have prepared a full day workshop that can be presented to Corps commands and DoD installation staff. The workshop can be abbreviated to be presented in a half day. The workshop provides an overview of cultural awareness, historical perspectives on Indian relations, and why, when, and how to consult with Indian tribes. Each workshop focuses on the particular area the district or installation is located and on the tribes involved in consultation issues.

MCX-CMAC has produced a Tribal Point of Contact database to assist in its consultation efforts

Consultation Support

The primary objective for on-site visits is to delivery an intensive “short-course” on how to consult so that each Corps District or DoD installation can establish its own consultation program. MCX-CMAC personnel provide guidance and background research to train and assist staff in the following areas.

- Assist and explain the responsibilities under NAGPRA, Section 106, and many more federal laws that require consultation.
- Provide information on Native American protocol, governmental structure, and tribal points of contact.
- Assist in developing general formats for memorandums of understanding and agreements with tribes.
- Assist in general advisory support.

The screenshot shows a web interface for the 'NAGPRA & Tribal POC Database'. It includes a search form with fields for 'Select a Tribe' and 'Select a State', and a 'Submit' button. Below the search form, there is a 'Search Results' section displaying information for the 'Abenaki' tribe in 'New York'. The results table includes fields for 'Tribal Contact', 'Address', 'City', 'Telephone', and 'Tribal POC'.

Search Results				
Tribal:	Abenaki	State:	New York	
Federally Recognized Tribe:	Abenaki (Shawnee) Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma	Tribal Contact:	Mr. James Lee Edwards Jr. Title: Governor	
Address:	2023 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.			
City:	Shawnee	State:	OK Zip Code:	74801-9381
Telephone:	405-275-4000	Fax:	405-275-5637	
NAGPRA POC:	Mr. Henry Tiger	Telephone:	405-275-4039	
TSPD:		Telephone:		

Assistance

MCX-CMAC staff has provided assistance to the following Corps districts and DoD installations.

U.S Army

Presidio of Monterey, California
Yuma Proving Ground, Arizona
Fort Huachuca, Arizona
White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico
Pueblo Chemical Depot, Colorado
Fort Carson, Colorado
Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland
Redstone Arsenal, Alabama

U.S. Marine Corps

The U.S. Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, South Carolina
U.S. Marine Corps Air Station, South Carolina

Corps of Engineers Districts

Charleston District
Huntington District
Kansas City District
Galveston District

MCX-CMAC Consultation Services include

Up-to-date directory of tribal leaders

Up-to-date list of tribal contact

Assistance with:

- Identifying tribes associated with districts and installations
- Arranging meetings
- Training staff members on cultural awareness
- Identifying traditional cultural properties and sacred sites
- Negotiating and drafting agreements
- Writing ethnohistories
- Reburial issues
- Establishing Native American consultation programs

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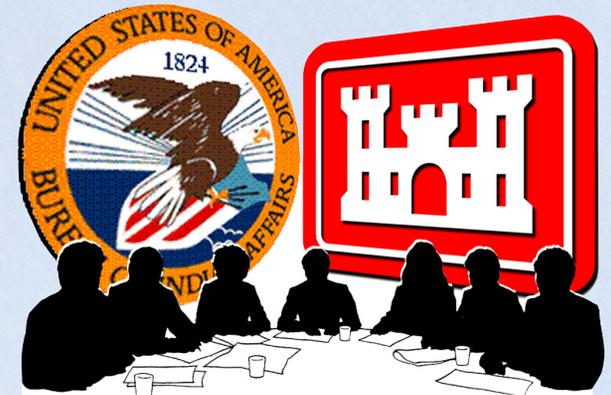
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