



**US Army Corps
of Engineers**
St. Louis District

Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, P.L. 101-601 and 43 CFR Part 10

Information Paper

Native American Graves Protection & Repatriation Act (NAGPRA)

Operation and Maintenance ()

Location and Description: The Mandatory Center of Expertise (MCX) for the Curation and Management of Archaeological Collections (CMAC) was established in the St. Louis District in 1994 to deliver centralized management, administration, and policy development for USACE-wide compliance with archeological collections management. MCX CMAC provides overall management of the Corps' NAGPRA program and facilitates consistent nationwide NAGPRA program implementation and operation. NAGPRA addresses the recovery, treatment, and repatriation of Native American and Native Hawaiian cultural items by Federal agencies. As defined by the Act, cultural items are human remains, associated funerary objects, unassociated funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony, all of which are part of USACE's archaeological collections. MCX CMAC manages and facilitates inventorying and summarizing collections, consulting with Indian tribes, researching cultural affiliation and aboriginal occupation, and returning NAGPRA collections to the appropriate Indian tribes.

- **FY 2017 Allocation** **\$1,500,000**
 - MCX CMAC directly supported 12 Districts with NAGPRA compliance activities. This included research/reports on aboriginal occupancy to determine the appropriate claimant tribes, inventory and review of NAGPRA related collections, preparation of compliance documents, and facilitation of consultation with Indian tribes. Coordination with the National NAGPRA Program of the Department of the Interior resulted in the publication of six compliance documents. Over 55 individuals and 12,000 funerary objects were returned to Indian tribes. MCX CMAC also completed data collection to address a newly published NAGPRA regulation that requires Corps-wide reporting. MCX CMAC provided updated Corps-wide data to National NAGPRA and represented USACE at NAGPRA Review Committee Meetings.



Attendees for a reburial of NAGPRA related items.

- **FY 2018 President's Budget** **\$1,000,000**
 - In FY18, MCX will continue to support and facilitate NAGPRA compliance throughout the Corps. This includes review of districts' faunal collections for previously unidentified human remains, aboriginal occupancy research for at least 10 operating projects, facilitation of tribal consultation, and publication of appropriate NAGPRA notices upon completion of consultation. MCX will continue to represent USACE at NAGPRA Review Committee Meetings and liaison with the Department of the Interior's National NAGPRA Program.

- **Status:**
 - The Corps is responsible for the curation and management of at least 46,255 cubic feet of artifacts and at least 3,511 linear feet of associated records collected from its water resources development projects. NAGPRA related items are estimated to be over 5,800 individuals and 265,000 objects. All 38 domestic Corps districts have completed the necessary NAGPRA summaries. Human remains have been identified in collections from 27 Corps districts, and these have been physically inspected. Districts continue to make determinations of cultural affiliation/aboriginal occupancy in order to repatriate to a valid claimant Indian tribe. To date, MCX CMAC has ensured the publication of 62 compliance Notices from 12 Districts and the repatriation of 1,328 individuals and 191,256 funerary objects to Indian tribes.

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Districts with human remains and associated funerary objects	27
Estimated minimum number of individual sets of human remains	~5,800
Estimated number of funerary objects	~265,000
NAGPRA compliance documents filed	62
Human remains repatriated	1,328 individuals
Funerary objects and cultural items repatriated	191,256 objects