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RE: SHPO Case No. 12-0225  
Blue Heron Mill Site  
Updated Determination of Eligibility  
Oregon City, Clackamas County

Dear Christina,

Thank you for submitting the updated survey data for the buildings at the former Blue Heron Paper Mill site at Willamette Falls in Oregon City. Our comments are detailed below:

Overall, it appears there is no eligible historic district at the site. While a district approach to eligibility would normally make the most sense for a property like this, it is difficult for the site to convey the historic paper-making processes because there have been so many additions and alterations over time to accommodate modern products and technologies. For this reason, we assessed each building and structure for individual eligibility, and based our concurrences on the information received by your office in February 2012.

All properties are located at 419 Main Street, Oregon City. National Register status codes are as follows:

Eligible/Significant = ES

Not Eligible/Non-Contributing = NC

Not Eligible/Out of Period = NP

Undetermined/Lack of Info = UN

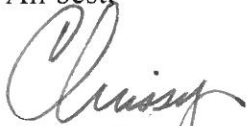
- No. 4 Paper Machine Building - ES
- Mill "H" - NP
- Mill "D" Warehouse - ES
- Blue Heron Paper Office Building - UN
- Security/First Aid Building - NP
- Butler Building - NC
- No. 3 Paper Machine Building – ES



- Mill "O" – ES
- Carpentry Shop - ES
- Pipe Shop - NC
- Millwright Shop - NC
- Auto Shop - NC
- Woolen Mill Foundation - ES
- Water Filtration Plant - ES
- Mill "G" Boilers - ES
- No. 1 Paper Machine Building - ES
- Mill #1 Finishing Room - ES
- Mill "E" - NC
- Sulphite Plant - ES
- No. 4 Paper Machine Warehouse - ES
- Digesters - ES
- North Substation - NC
- South Substation - NC
- Mill "B " – ES
- De-ink ONP Repulper – NC
- Clarifier – NP
- Willamette Falls Dam – ES
- No. 2 Paper Machine Site – ES

Future investigations may reveal additional information about the properties listed above. If that happens we can always adjust the concurrences if necessary. For now, though, this is our assessment of the structures on the Blue Heron site, which matches up pretty well with your findings, with a few exceptions. Please give me a call if you have any questions or comments. Otherwise, I'm sure we will be in touch as we move toward a treatment plan or agreement document.

All best,



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