APPENDIX B

Native American Consultation
June 12, 2012

Onondaga Nation of New York
Attn: Mr. Anthony Gonyea
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Nedrow, New York 13120

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Office of Construction & Facilities Management
Washington DC 20420

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ATTACHMENT 1A

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(STREET MAP)
PEMBROKE, GENESEE COUNTY, NEW YORK

MAPLE ROAD
ALLEGHANY ROAD
MAE ROAD
PENIBROKIE
INDIAN FALLS ROAD
INTERSTATE 90
1232 INDIAN FALLS ROAD SITE
COHOCTON ROAD
ATTACHMENT 1B

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MAIN ROAD SITE LOCATION MAPS
ATTACHMENT 2A

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[Diagram of Pembroke, Genesee County, New York, showing the locations of Main Road, Cleveland Road, and the electrical easement.]
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(STREET MAP)
LANCASTER, ERIE COUNTY, NEW YORK

COUNTY ROAD 139

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Department of Veterans Affairs
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Real Property Service
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Realty Specialist

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June 12, 2012

St. Regis Band of Mohawk Indians of New York
Attn: Mr. Loran Thompson
412 State Route 37
Akwesasne, New York 13655

SUBJECT: Intergovernmental and Interagency Coordination of Environmental Planning for the US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Proposed Western New York National Cemetery Erie or Genesee County, New York

Dear Mr. Thompson:

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Shinnecock Indian Nation
Attn: Mr. Randy King
P.O. Box 5006
Southampton, New York 11969-0751

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Office of Construction & Facilities Management
Washington DC 20420

SUBJECT: Intergovernmental and Interagency Coordination of Environmental
Planning for the US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
 Proposed Western New York National Cemetery
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Wyandotte Tribe of Oklahoma
Attn: Chief Billy Friend
64700 E. Highway 60
Wyandotte, Oklahoma 74370

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Tuscarora Nation of New York  
Attn: Mr. Leo R. Henry  
2006 Mt. Hope Road  
Lewiston, New York 14092

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Proposed Western New York National Cemetery  
Erie or Genesee County, New York

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Tonawanda Band of Seneca Indians of New York
Attn: Mr. Roger Hill
7027 Meadvile Road
Basom, New York 14013

SUBJECT: Intergovernmental and Interagency Coordination of Environmental Planning for the US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Proposed Western New York National Cemetery Erie or Genesee County, New York

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Seneca Nation of Indians
Attn: Lana Watt, THPO
90 Oh: Yo' Way
Salamanca, New York 14779

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