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Re:

Addendum to Cultural Resources Investigation, PNG Huntersville Strengthening Project, S&ME 1357-11-005 Phase 3, Mecklenburg County, ER 11-0749

Dear Ms. Jones:

Thank you for your letter of November 22, 2011, forwarding the addendum for the above report.

For the purposes of compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, we concur that the proposed National Register boundaries for the **James G. Torrance Mill Ruin** (MK 1482) and the **Hugh Torrance House and Store** (MK 0005) appear appropriate. In our letter of November 8, 2011, we concurred with the report's determination that both sites are eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

The above comments are made pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's Regulations for Compliance with Section 106 codified at 36 CFR Part 800.

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration. If you have questions concerning the above comment, please contact Renee Gledhill-Earley, environmental review coordinator, at 919-807-6579. In all future communication concerning this project, please cite the above-referenced tracking number.

Sincerely,

Ramona M. Bartos

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November 22, 2011

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Reference:

Addendum: Cultural Resource Investigations for the Proposed PNG Huntersville Strengthening Project, Mecklenburg County,

North Carolina (Jones and Nagle 2011) S&ME Project No.: 1357-11-005 Ph. 3

NC Department of Historic Resources No.: ER 11-0749

Dear Ms. Gledhill-Earley:

Thank you for your letter of November 8, 2011, responding to the Final Report for the above referenced project. In your letter, you concurred that the James G. Torrance Mill Ruin (MK 1482) and the Hugh Torrance House and Store (MK 0005) are eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). However, you requested a map of each of the eligible properties showing the proposed National Register boundaries and a justification for the boundaries. This addendum to the Final Report provides the additional information you requested.

The James G. Torrance Mill Ruin (MK 1482) is located along McDowell Creek, south of Gilead Road and behind modern houses. S&ME recommended the James G. Torrance Mill Ruin eligible for inclusion in the NRHP under Criterion A for industry and agriculture and under Criterion C for design. The proposed National Register boundaries for the James G. Torrance Mill Ruin are the same as the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmark boundaries for the property and include approximately 0.7-acre of property (Figure 1). Within the boundaries are the ruins of the mill, which consist of two ashlar stone foundations separated by a central channel, and approximately 75 meters of the millrace. These are the portions of the mill that retain enough integrity to be recognizable for their historic function. The portions of the millrace northeast of the boundary have been filled during the twentieth century and are no longer identifiable.

The Hugh Torrance House and Store (MK 0005) is located north of Gilead Road, on a tax parcel directly east of the NRHP-listed Cedar Grove (MK 0004). It was originally part of the large property holdings of Hugh Torrance, and later his son James G. Torrance, which also included Cedar Grove and the Torrance Mill Ruins (MK 1482). S&ME recommended the Hugh Torrance House and Store eligible for inclusion in the NRHP under Criterion A for agriculture and commerce and under Criterion C for design. The proposed National Register boundaries for the Hugh Torrance House and Store are the 2.15 acres of tax parcel 009-06-109, on which it is located (Figure 2). Although the Hugh Torrance House and Store was originally located on a larger tract of land, twentieth century property divisions have left only a small

portion of that land associated with the structure. The current tax parcel, which also forms the Charlotte Mecklenburg Historic Landmark designated property, is a natural boundary for the Hugh Torrance House and Store.

We appreciate your assistance with this project. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at 803-561-9024 or via e-mail at hjones@smeinc.com. Thank you.

Sincerely, **S&ME**, Inc.

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Figure 1. Proposed National Register boundaries for the James G. Torrance Mill Ruins (MK 1482). Base Map: Lake Norman South (1996) 7.5' USGS topographic quadrangle.





Tax Parcels James G. Torrance Mill Foundation Ruins Proposed National Register Boundary





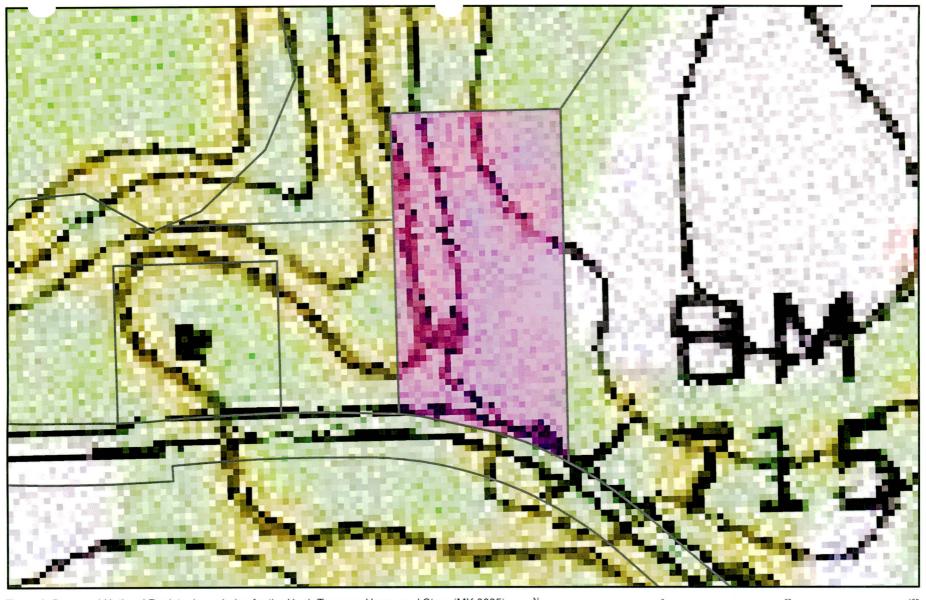


Figure 2. Proposed National Register boundaries for the Hugh Torrance House and Store (MK 0005). Base Map: Lake Norman South (1996) 7.5' USGS topographic quadrangle.





Tax Parcels
Proposed National Register Boundary

