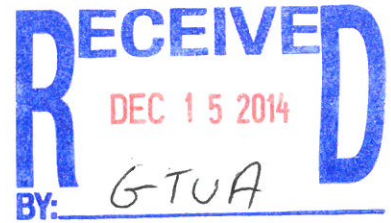


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December 9, 2014

Carolyn Bennett
Greater Texoma Utility Authority
5100 Airport Drive
Denison, Texas 75020-8448

Re: Project review under the Antiquities Code of Texas – *Draft EIS, City of Sherman Water Treatment Plant Expansion Project, (TWDB)*

Dear Ms. Bennett:

Thank you for your correspondence concerning the above referenced project. This letter presents the comments of the Executive Director of the Texas Historical Commission, the state agency responsible for administering the Antiquities Code of Texas. The review staff, led Rebecca Shelton, has examined our records. The route of the above referenced brine disposal pipeline for the Sherman WTP in Grayson County has never been surveyed. Portions of the proposed waterline route intersect high potential areas for cultural resources; steam crossings 2, 3, and 4. A professional archeologist should survey 500 feet on each side of the three stream crossings within the proposed right-of-way.

The work should meet the minimum archeological survey standards posted on-line at www.thc.state.tx.us. A report of investigations should be produced in conformance with the Secretary of the Interior's Guidelines for Archaeology and Historic Preservation, and submitted to this office for review. You may obtain lists of most professional archeologists in Texas on-line at: www.c-tx-arch.org or www.rpanet.org. Please note that other potentially qualified archeologists not included on these lists may be used.

Since this work will be conducted by an entity of the state of Texas, an Antiquities Permit must be secured from our office before fieldwork may begin. Please ask prospective contractors if they are qualified to receive an Antiquities Permit.

Thank you for your cooperation in this state review process, and for your efforts to preserve the irreplaceable heritage of Texas. **If you have any questions concerning our review or if we can be of further assistance, please contact Rebecca Shelton at 512.463.6043 or rebecca.shelton@thc.state.tx.us.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that appears to read "Mark Wolfe".

for
Mark Wolfe, State Historic Preservation Officer

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