

**APPENDIX A**  
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**U.S. Customs and  
Border Protection**

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State Historic Preservation Office  
1100 W. Washington Street  
Phoenix, AZ 850007

**Reference: U.S. Border Patrol, Yuma Sector, Construction, Operation, and Maintenance  
of a New Central Processing Center at Yuma Sector Headquarters**

Dear Ms. Leonard:

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. § 306108) and its implementing regulations, 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 800, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is transmitting this letter and enclosures to initiate consultation and identify historic properties for the above referenced Undertaking. The Undertaking consists of the proposed construction, operation, and maintenance of a new U.S. Border Patrol (USBP) Central Processing Center (CPC) at the USBP Yuma Sector Headquarters (SHQ) in Yuma, Arizona. The Yuma SHQ is located at 4035 South Avenue A, Yuma, Arizona. See Figure 1 for location information.

**Description of Undertaking:**

The Undertaking consists of the proposed construction, operation, and maintenance of a new permanent processing facility to accommodate 1,000 detainees and a staff of 200 for the processing and temporary detention of migrants who have crossed into the United States. The facility would be located in a completely developed area within the perimeter fence of the Yuma SHQ. The CPC facility would be a 113,361 square foot one- or two-story facility. Construction would be expected to last six months and include demolition of the existing parking lot and storm water detention basin, earthwork, installation of a new underground storm water management system, paving, connection to existing on-site utilities, concrete placement, installation of perimeter fencing and security lighting, installation of signage, and installation of emergency backup power, diesel-fueled generators. The total project area would be approximately 2.5 acres in size. See Figure 2 for a proposed layout of the CPC.

**Identification of Historic Properties:**

CBP has defined the Area of Potential Effect (APE) for the Undertaking as the Yuma SHQ property boundary. Activities would take place on an existing asphalt-paved parking lot and adjacent storm water detention basin located at the northeastern edge of the SHQ property boundary. A cultural resources survey of the APE conducted in 1999, prior to the acquisition and development of the project area as the Yuma SHQ, discovered neither archaeological sites

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nor isolated artifacts. A hard copy or digital copy of the cultural resources survey report, *An Intensive Cultural Resources Survey of 24 Acres on Behalf of the U.S. Border Patrol in Yuma, Arizona*, is available upon request.

Existing structures at the Yuma SHQ were built between 2002 and 2005 and the APE has been completely developed. There are no structures within the APE that are more than 45 years old. No historic structures or historic districts are located within the APE.

**Determination of Effects:**

The APE for the Undertaking has been previously developed for use as the Yuma SHQ. The APE does not contain any archaeological resources or structures that are more than 45 years old. Based on this information, CBP has made a determination of no historic properties present or affected for the Undertaking. CBP requests your concurrence with this determination.

In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, CBP will also contact tribal governments regarding its determination. Representatives for the following tribal governments will be notified:

Ak-Chin Indian Community  
Cocopah Indian Tribe  
Colorado River Indian Tribes  
Fort Mojave Indian Tribe  
Fort Yuma-Quechan Tribe  
Gila River Indian Community  
Hopi Tribe  
Hualapai Indian Tribe  
Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community  
Tohono O'odham Nation  
Yavapai-Apache Nation

Your prompt attention to this request is greatly appreciated. If CBP has not received a response from your office within 30 days of your receipt of this determination letter, CBP will consider its responsibilities under Section 106 to have been fulfilled. Written correspondence may be submitted to me by mail at the following address:

Joseph Zidron  
Real Estate and Environmental Branch Chief  
Border Patrol & Air and Marine Program Management Office  
24000 Avila Road, Suite 5020  
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If possible, please send a scanned copy of the correspondence by email to:

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We look forward to continuing the Section 106 consultation process with you. If you require additional information or have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact John Petrilla by telephone at (949) 643-6385 or by email at john.p.petrilla@cbp.dhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joseph Zidron". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

Joseph Zidron  
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Border Patrol & Air and Marine Program Management Office