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September 11, 2003

Dee Ketcham, Chief
Delaware Tribe of Indians
220 N.W. Virginia Ave.
Bartlesville, OK 74003

Dear Chief Ketcham:

RE: 24-105 K-8248-01
Wyandotte County

In accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act the Delaware Tribe was notified of the above referenced project (i.e., improvement of US-24/40/73 (State Avenue) from K-7 east to 118th Street, including reconstruction of the interchange with K-7) in a letter dated August 28, 2001. In a subsequent letter dated January 4, 2002, the Delaware Tribe was notified that archeologists at the Kansas State Historical Society (KSHS) had reported that an Historic Delaware Cemetery (14WY401; UBS Case No. 1991-1) is located on a hilltop north of the existing alignment of US-24 a short distance northeast of the interchange with K-7. The archeological site form identified this as the grave of Chief Ne-Con-He-Con and did not indicate the potential for other graves in the immediate vicinity.

Enclosed is a copy of the archeological report on this historic cemetery in Wyandotte County. The report of the Phase II investigations, completed by Randall M. Thies in July 2002, is entitled *Searching for 14WY401: Archeological Survey of KDOT Project K-8248, Wyandotte County, Kansas*. The fieldwork successfully relocated and documented the headstone and footstone bases associated with this grave. Thies determined that the grave is well outside of the area that will be directly impacted by the proposed highway project. No further archeological investigations were recommended at this site.

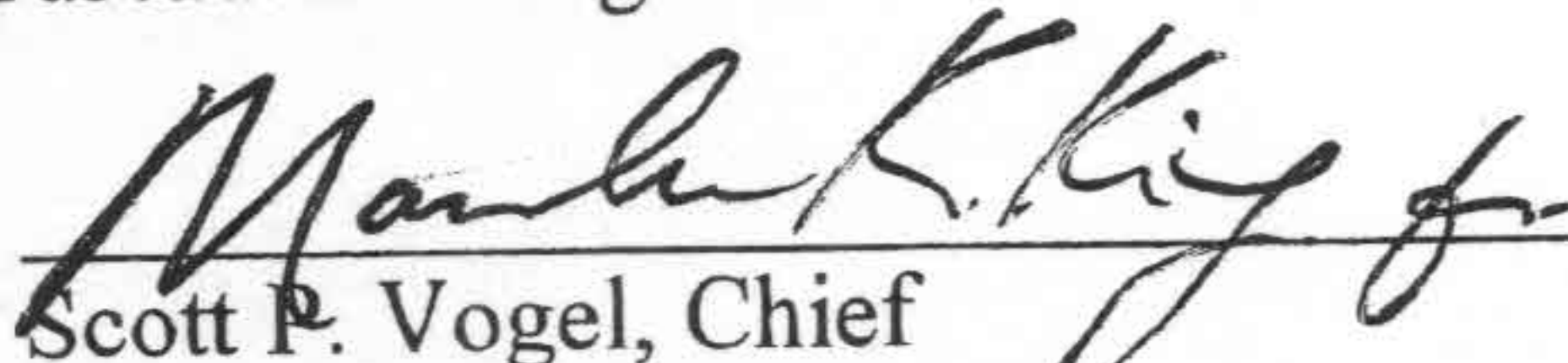
The project is still in the planning stage. Project engineers have indicated that currently plans for the new interchange and road work will not impact the cemetery location. Should this change as project plans are finalized, you will be notified.

If you have any comments on this project please advise us within 60 days of the date of this letter.

Sincerely,

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Chief, Bureau of Design

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Scott P. Vogel, Chief
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