



STREAMLINED COMPLIANCE FOR ARMY INSTALLATIONS: SECTION 106 AND THE ARMY ALTERNATE PROCEDURES



SECTION 106 OF THE **NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT (NHPA)** requires Army installations to consider the effects of their actions on historic properties and to provide the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (Council) an opportunity to comment on such actions. The Council's regulations (36 CFR Part 800) implement Section 106 of the NHPA. Throughout the Section 106 review process, installations must consult with consulting parties and consider their views and concerns about historic preservation issues when making final project decisions.

THE ARMY ALTERNATE PROCEDURES (AAP) is a streamlined procedure Army installations can elect to follow to satisfy Section 106 requirements in lieu of the procedures set forth in 36 CFR Part 800. The AAP approaches the installation's management of historic properties programmatically, instead of on a project-by-project review as prescribed in the Council's regulations. The AAP allows installations to implement standard operating procedures for historic properties in their Integrated Cultural Resource Management Plans (ICRMPs) and to implement actions for five years without formal project-by-project review.

HOW DOES THE AAP LEVERAGE EXISTING REQUIREMENTS?

The cornerstone of the AAP is the NHPA chapter of ICRMP (i.e., the Historic Properties Component). If an installation chooses to opt into the AAP process, the installation extracts the NHPA chapter of the ICRMP and staffs it following the procedures in the AAP. All Army installations are scheduled to have an ICRMP by September 2001.

HOW DOES THE AAP BENEFIT ARMY HISTORIC PRESERVATION?

The AAP provides better management of the Army's historic properties through a planning approach to compliance, closer integration with the military mission, and by encouraging new and innovative means for stakeholder involvement.

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Supplemental information on the AAP can be found on the Council's web site at www.achp.gov



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