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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
Commander  
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Dear Sir:

This letter is in reference to the "NOTICE OF THE AVAILABILITY OF THE MARIANA ISLANDS TRAINING AND TESTING FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT/OVERSEAS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT" that was submitted for Historic Preservation Office review on June 2, 2015. As stated in the EIS, the Navy's Proposed Action is to conduct training and testing of active sonar and explosives in the MITT Study Area. Training activities associated with acoustic and physical stressors will have no impact on cultural resources. We have reviewed the Proposed Action, and find no potential for effect to any known cultural resources.

Our finding is based on:

1. 36CFR60.4 Criteria of Effect under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.
2. 40CFR1508.8 Effects of Proposed Federal Actions.
3. 2009 MIRC Programmatic Agreement – No potential impact to known cultural resources.
4. Section 106, National Historic Preservation Act, Properties listed or eligible for listing on National Register of Historic Places.

Should you have questions or comments, please call our office at 670 664-2120/2125.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Mertie T. Kani', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mertie T. Kani

Historic Preservation Officer