



What is Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act?

It is a regulation that requires Federal agencies to consider effects of undertakings on historic properties.

What will it do?

- Establish area of potential effects (APE).
- Identify historic properties listed in or potentially eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places using the Criteria of Evaluation below.
- Assess project effects on historic properties.
- Resolve adverse effects (avoid, minimize, or mitigate).

What are the National Register Criteria?

The National Register's standards for evaluating the significance of properties were developed to recognize the accomplishments of all peoples who have made a significant contribution to our country's history and heritage. The criteria are designed to guide State and local governments, Federal agencies, and others in evaluating potential entries in the National Register.

- **Criterion A:** Properties associated with significant historical events.
- **Criterion B:** Properties associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- **Criterion C:** Properties that embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction.
- **Criterion D:** Properties that have yielded or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Request for Public Input

BOEM seeks comment and input regarding the identification of historic properties and/or potential effects to historic properties from activities associated with the undertaking, reasonable alternatives (e.g., size, geographic, or other restrictions on construction and siting of facilities and activities), and potential resolution measures to be analyzed in the EIS. Resolution measures may include ways to avoid, minimize, or otherwise treat and mitigate adverse effects on historic properties.

