

**APPENDIX B**  
**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND NASA-JSC RESPONSES**  
**TO THE DRAFT PEA**

**TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
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March 14, 2016

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Re: *Project Review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, Draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment for Adoption of Johnson Space Center's Master Plan, Houston, Harris County (NASA/106, THC #201604628)*

Mr. Hickens:

Thank you for your letter of February 11, 2016, transmitting the Draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) for Adoption of Johnson Space Center's (JSC) Master Plan. This letter serves as comment on the proposed undertaking from the State Historic Preservation Officer, the Executive Director of the Texas Historical Commission (THC).

The History Programs Division review staff, led by Justin Kockritz, has completed its review of the PEA. On March 8, 2016, THC received from JSC Historic Preservation Officer the Historic and Architectural Survey and Evaluation of Facilities, which evaluates the eligibility of properties at JSC, Ellington Field, and the Sonny Carter Training Facility, for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. This survey proposes a new JSC Historic District, including fifty-one (51) contributing resources, and ten (10) individually eligible properties outside of the JSC Historic District.

THC has not yet completed our review of the Historic and Architectural Survey and, at this time, has not concurred with its findings; we anticipate completing our review within sixty (60) days and will send a copy of our response to you then. Because the identification of additional historic buildings will have major impacts on future planning efforts and development at all three facilities, we strongly recommend revising the Final PEA to incorporate the findings of the Historic and Architectural Survey.

We look forward to further consultation with your office and hope to maintain a partnership that will foster effective historic preservation. Thank you for your cooperation in this federal review process, and for your efforts to preserve the irreplaceable heritage of Texas. If you have any questions concerning our review, or if we can be of further assistance, please contact Justin Kockritz at 512-936-7403 or [justin.kockritz@thc.state.tx.us](mailto:justin.kockritz@thc.state.tx.us) or Lydia Woods at 512-463-9122 or [lydia.woods@thc.state.tx.us](mailto:lydia.woods@thc.state.tx.us).

Sincerely,



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## **NASA-JSC Response to Comments from the Texas State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)**

NASA-JSC appreciates and acknowledges the comments provided by the Texas SHPO. NASA-JSC recognizes the ongoing nature of the review and coordination process that will ultimately lead to one or more Programmatic Agreement(s) for future development, per the adopted Master Plan, of NASA-JSC, NASA-Ellington Field, and NASA-Sonny Carter Training Facility. NASA is committed to complying fully with all applicable requirements associated with managing cultural resources, and more specifically historic preservation. NASA-JSC recognizes the associated obligations for the stewardship of these resources.