

**Black Warrior River Hydroelectric Project
Cultural Resource Meeting Summary
Held June 27, 2003
Project No. 2165-015**

Meeting Attendees:

Janet Hutzal - Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
Patti Leppert - Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
Lindsey Breithaupt - Alabama Historical Commission
Tom Maher - Alabama Historical Commission
Amanda McBride - Alabama Historical Commission
Bill Gardner - Alabama Power Company
Barry Lovett - Alabama Power Company
Kenny Lowe – Alabama Power Company
Bill Sim - Alabama Power Company
Tina Waters – Alabama Power Company
Kelly Schaeffer - Kleinschmidt Associates
John Peconom – Kleinschmidt Associates
Carey B. Oakley - MACTEC
Kenneth H. Carleton - Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians
Jean Allan - U.S. Forest Service
Elrand D. Denson - U.S. Forest Service

After introductions, the attendees reviewed the May 29, 2003, meeting summary. No comments were provided; however, Tom Maher did not have an opportunity to review the summary. He requested an additional week for review, and if there were no comments from the Alabama Historical Commission (AHC), the meeting summary would be final.

Prior to the June meeting, the participants on the Black Warrior River Restricted Service List (participants) received the *Smith Project Lands Viewer containing GIS Layers DVD (DVD)*.¹ To access the DVD's information, the participants needed to use the software *ARCView Reader*. Kenny Lowe and Tina Waters provided a tutorial of the *ARCView Reader* during the meeting. Mr. Maher and Kenneth H. Carleton informed

¹ The DVD contained soils maps, satellite imagery, topography maps, and the location of cultural resources for the Lewis Smith Development (Smith Lake Development) of the Black Warrior River Project (P-2165).

Mr. Gardner that they were unable to access the information on the DVD, to which Mr. Gardner indicated he would try to accommodate their needs.

After the tutorial, the participants discussed the need for additional cultural resource studies for the Smith Lake Development. Bill Sim proposed that APC conduct a Phase II survey for the 17 potentially eligible sites around Smith Lake Development, in lieu of a Phase I survey. Mr. Sim theorized that these 17 sites have deteriorated to the point that they are no longer eligible, and a Phase II survey could confirm this theory. Furthermore, Mr. Sim thought that other unknown sites would also be deteriorated and no longer eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

Mr. Maher stated that APC's proposal is not without merit; however, he would prefer to identify areas around the Smith Development that have the high probability of containing potentially eligible archeological sites. He also stated that a Phase I survey of these high potential areas may be needed because he was uncomfortable extrapolating the integrity of unknown sites from the 17 sites identified for the Phase II survey.

Elrand Denson and Mr. Carleton were also concerned that a Phase II survey would not be as useful as a Phase I survey of the Smith Development, and objected to APC's plan to only conduct a Phase II survey.

APC stated they still planned to send AHC a scope of work for the Phase II archaeological testing, but noted that since other participants requested a Phase I survey, APC had not eliminated a Phase I survey as an option. APC requested that Janet Hutzel distribute the Phase II scope of work to other participants after AHC had received it.

The next cultural resource meeting for the Warrior River Project is scheduled for August 12, 2003, at APC Corporate Headquarters. Also, the first cultural resource meeting for the Lower Coosa River Project is scheduled for October 9, 2003.

Action Items:

1. APC plans to provide the Phase II scope of work for the Smith Lake Development to the participants prior to the August 12, 2003, meeting.
2. APC plans to work with the participants to ensure they are able to access the Smith *Project Lands Viewer containing GIS Layers* DVD.