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Mr. Michael J. Brown
Naval Submarine Base New London
Environmental Division
Groton, CT 06349-5000

Subject: Conveyance of Building 1001 (Shepherd of the Sea Chapel)
United States Naval Submarine Base New London
Groton, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Brown:

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has reviewed the referenced project in response to your request for our comments pursuant to the provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended. SHPO understands that the United States Navy (Navy) has declared the referenced building to be excess property because the Navy does not have current or future use for the building. As noted in your letter, the Shepherd of the Sea Chapel was determined eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places during 2012. Based on the information provided to this office, SHPO concurs with the Navy's proposal to convey the building with restrictive covenants detailed in the review request. As a result, SHPO also concurs that the proposed disposal of Building 1001 will have no adverse effect on historic properties with the inclusion of the historic preservation covenants on the deed.

The SHPO appreciates the opportunity to review and comment upon this project. For additional information, please contact me at (860) 256-2764 or catherine.labadia@ct.gov.

Sincerely,

Catherine Labadia
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer