APPENDIX B

CONSULTATION LETTER UNDER SECTION 106 OF THE NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT

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Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission
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April 13, 2005

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Re: File No. ER 03-1229-107-C
DOE Draft Environmental Impact Statement: Gilberton Coal-to-Clean Fuels & Power Project, Frackville & Gilberton Boroughs, Schuylkill County

Dear Ms. Bell:

The Bureau for Historic Preservation (the State Historic Preservation Office) has reviewed the above named project in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended in 1980 and 1992, and the regulations (36 CFR Part 800) of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. These requirements include consideration of the project's potential effect upon both historic and archaeological resources.

Based on our survey files, which include both archaeological sites and standing structures, there are no National Register eligible or listed historic or archaeological properties in the area of this proposed project. Therefore, your responsibility for consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office for this project is complete. Should you become aware, from any source, that historic or archaeological properties are located at or near the project site, please notify the Bureau for Historic Preservation at (717) 783-8946.

Sincerely,

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