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Historic Properties Specialist

A Brief Introduction

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Introduction

The National Historic Preservation Act Section 106

- Requires consideration of Historic Properties
- Informed Decision Making Through Consultation
- State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)
- Tribes
- Public
- Slow and Iterative
- Roughly analogous to ESA

The 1997 Programmatic Agreement (97 PA)

- Alternate Way to Comply with Section 106
- Identifies the Historic Property Specialist
- Implementation Guidance Under Development
- The Response is the Undertaking!!

The Historic Property Specialist

- Sits in the Environmental Unit or Planning Section
- Liaison with Operations
- Reports to the FOSC
- Should not be hired by RP

The HPS: What's Your Job?

Advise FOSC

- Responsibilities Under NHPA Section 106 / 97 PA
- Communicate Concerns of Consulting Parties
- Identify Resources at Risk and Sensitive Areas
- Recommend Resource Protection Strategies
- Develop Best Management Practices
- Document Document Document

Facilitate Consultation

- Identify and Communicate with Stakeholders
- Represent FOSC (if delegated)
- Educate Response Personnel and Consulting Parties
- Data Management
- Document Document Document

What's Your Job....continued...

- Explain and help FOSC follow related laws, regulations, and policies
 - State Burial Laws
 - Archaeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA)
 - Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA)
 - Others?
- Bring Solutions
 - Incident-specific PA?
 - How to Resolve Adverse Effect?
 - Be Creative
- Be Flexible
- Maintain Credibility
- Keep a Sense of Humor
- Be Safe

Always Ask These Questions

- How Can We Keep the Oil Off of Historic Properties?
- What is the Potential for a Given Response Activity to Adversely Affect Resources, and How Can We Mitigate It?
- How Can I Communicate Clearly to Grandma?
- Have I Documented Conversations and Decisions?
- What's On The Horizon?
- Do I Need Help?

Response Actions and Adverse Effects

- What is the potential for Adverse Effects?
- How can it be reduced or eliminated?
- Without significantly impeding the Response?
 - Appropriate Tools and Techniques
 - Training Responders
 - Buffers
 - Monitoring
 - Avoidance
- Document Adverse Effects

Response Actions and Adverse Effects

Deploying, Tending, and Removing Boom



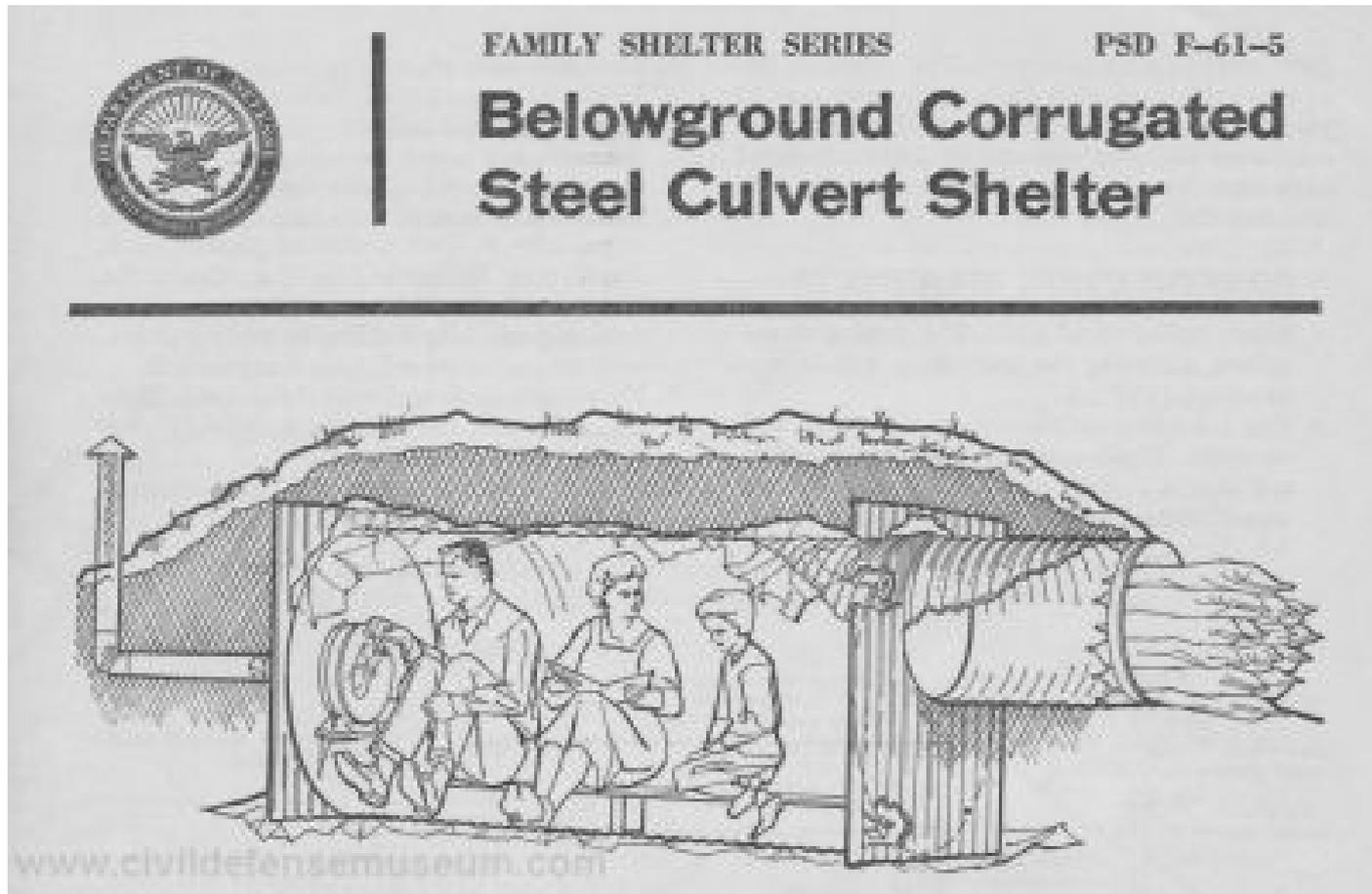
Response Actions and Adverse Effects

Constructing Dikes, Berms, Barriers, and Trenches



Response Actions and Adverse Effects

Blocking Culverts



Response Actions and Adverse Effects

Collecting Oil



Response Actions and Adverse Effects

Looking For and Removing Submerged Oil



Response Actions and Adverse Effects

Mechanical Removal



Response Actions and Adverse Effects

Creation and Use of Access Points



Response Actions and Adverse Effects

Personnel Access



Questions?

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