

leg. A map with those proposed alternatives is attached for your comments. The alternatives will continue to be refined to avoid as many impacts as possible as new information comes in. Once a Draft EIS is completed we will forward the document to your office for review. Also, once a detailed cultural report is completed we will forward it to your office for review and comment.

Avoidance of any known archaeological or cultural site is of utmost importance in the development of this project. Any information the Catawba Indian Nation may have concerning any Native American archaeological sites or burials in the project study area would be very helpful in the early development of this project.

An interactive web site has been developed for the proposed project and can be viewed at [www.I73inSC.com](http://www.I73inSC.com). The site contains maps and status reports for the proposed project. The other Native American Indian Tribes that have shown an interest in this project are the Shawnee Tribe, The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokees and The Tuscarora Nation. The Choctaw Nation has asked to be removed as a consulting party.

Please do not hesitate to forward any comments or questions you may have to Mr. Shane Belcher at \_\_\_\_\_ or by e-mail at \_\_\_\_\_. Also, if you wish to meet to discuss consultation on this project please don't hesitate to let us know.

Sincerely yours,

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