

## INTRODUCTION

The primary objective of this report is the development of an Integrated Cultural Resources Management Plan (ICRMP) to assist Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant (NWIRP) Dallas personnel with the management of significant cultural resources at the aircraft manufacturing complex. Impetus for the project stems from the 1966 National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), which established the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) as the country's official listing of historic properties worthy of preservation. One of the prime reasons that Congress passed the NHPA was the disregard that many federal agencies sometimes demonstrated toward historic and archeological properties that were impacted by their programs. For example, the construction of the interstate highway system and massive urban renewal efforts of the early and middle 1960s destroyed many historic properties that were significant to the communities in which they stood. The NHPA included provisions that required federal agencies to identify properties under their stewardship that may be eligible for inclusion in the NRHP and consider the impact of their actions on significant historic and archeological properties.

The National Park Service (NPS), within the U.S. Department of the Interior, is the federal agency that oversees implementation of the NRHP, a prestigious list that includes buildings, structures, objects, landscapes, and archeological sites that reflect our nation's rich heritage, and encourages the preservation of these properties for future generations of Americans. Properties in the NRHP may be noteworthy at a national, state, or local level, but must retain sufficient integrity to convey their significance.

DoD Directive 4715.3 sets forth general policies and standards to "ensure that natural and cultural resources entrusted to DoD care are sustained in a healthy condition for scientific research, education and other compatible uses by future generations." The directive calls for each DoD facility with NRHP-eligible cultural resources to prepare an ICRMP that not only complies with NHPA requirements but also establishes a consistent, agency-wide approach to cultural resource management responsibilities. Several years prior to the issuance of DoD Directive 4715.3, the Department of the Navy had issued a similar directive that called for the preparation of HARP plans for significant cultural resources. DoD Directive 4715.3 renders any previous HARP plans and similar formats adopted by other branches obsolete and calls for the adoption of ICRMPs at all installations with significant cultural resources.

Although the ICRMP report was prepared in compliance with DoD Directive 4715.3, it is not the first cultural resource study undertaken at NWIRP Dallas. Hardy-Heck-Moore (HHM), Inc. prepared a Historic Resources Survey, Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant Dallas, Dallas County, Texas for Southern Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command in November 1999. The report outlined federal legislation and the Navy's responsibility under Section 106 of the NHPA. HHM, Inc. identified three buildings at NWIRP Dallas as eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). In December 2000, HHM, Inc. prepared an update on its previous survey of NWIRP Dallas due to a contractor change at the plant. Northrop Grumman - lessee of the plant during the November 1999 survey - sold its Dallas, Texas division to Vought Aircraft Industries, Inc., which currently leases the plant. The Historic Resources Survey, Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant Dallas, Dallas County, Texas 2000 Update differs from the previous survey in that it addresses the most recent changes in operation of the plant. The 2000 Update also reaffirmed the NRHP eligibility for Facilities 1, 6, 7, 16, 49, 94, and 97, which are located on federally owned property. The Literature Review section of this ICRMP contains succinct explanations of all previously conducted surveys on NWIRP Dallas.

***REASONS FOR CONDUCTING THE ICRMP***

To completely satisfy current NHPA requirements for protection of significant cultural resources at NWIRP Dallas, Southern Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command contracted with HHM, Inc. of Austin, Texas, to provide the activity with a current management plan for the plant's buildings and structures as well as any NRHP-eligible resources. The HHM, Inc. 2001 ICRMP provides the Navy and lessee Vought Aircraft Industries, Inc. with a current and up-to-date preservation plan for NWIRP Dallas as well as management recommendations for its NRHP eligible properties. To date, seven buildings at NWIRP Dallas have been determined eligible for official listing in the NRHP - Facilities 1, 6, 7, 16, 49, 94 and 97. Since these properties are considered eligible for the NRHP they must be treated as if they are officially listed. Any proposed changes to the salient physical features of the buildings are subject to Section 106 coordination with the Texas SHPO. Changes to these resources, as well as new construction near the sites, could negatively impact the integrity and overall historic character of the resources. Therefore, SHPO coordination is federally mandated to ensure compliance with Section 106. All other extant facilities at NWIRP Dallas are not considered to be significant because they do not meet NRHP Criteria. Consequently,

they do not warrant any SHPO coordination and/or special preservation considerations or treatments.

The HHM, Inc. 2002 ICRMP serves as an update of the 1999 Hardy-Heck-Moore & Myers, Inc.'s Historic Resources Survey, Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant Dallas, Dallas County, Texas. Hardy-Heck-Moore & Myers' initial survey evaluated all resources constructed through 1949. Federal Regulations require a historic building inventory and survey every six years. The HHM, Inc. 2002 ICRMP includes in-depth investigations on all of NWIRP Dallas's Cold War era resources, buildings, and structures, which have not been evaluated for NRHP eligibility.

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The ongoing and everchanging defense needs of the nation require a flexible approach to the use of the facilities at NWIRP Dallas and other activities under the Department of the Navy stewardship. This report outlines a management program that ensures that NWIRP Dallas not only accomplishes its primary mission as a aircraft and missile manufacturing plant, but also protects significant cultural properties under its stewardship, as mandated by Congress and the Department of Defense. While differing greatly in scope and execution, the two goals can be mutually compatible through careful planning, consultation, and coordination among the various state and federal agencies implementing these policies. Designed as a detailed guide to assist plant personnel in charge of cultural resources management, the HHM, Inc. 2001 ICRMP report provides detailed information concerning the implementation of appropriate preservation strategies. The report also suggests the avoidance of certain actions that may have an adverse effect on significant cultural resources, in compliance with federal regulations and DoD policies.

