Flowchart for National Programmatic Agreement for Phasing Section 106 for Large-Scale Multi-Year Undertakings (Phasing NPA)

AO = Agency Official HIP = Heritage Implementation Plan HP = Heritage Professional HIP CPs = HIP Consulting Parties

CRSO= Cultural Resource Stewardship Opportunity **PA** = Programmatic Agreement

At project conceptualization, AO requests HP review of Phasing NPA applicability.

Disqualifying and qualifying criteria include consideration of local phasing PAs and whether project includes Tribal lands.

HP does not recommend use of NPA in writing

The AO complies with Section 106 another way

HP recommends use of NPA in writing

The AO invites HIP CPs early in project planning. If invited HIP CPs respond within 30 days that they:

Disagree with FS applying the NPA

The AO must respond within 30 days on whether the NPA will:

Accept FS invitation

The AO accepts them as HIP CPs, sends them informational package, requests input (including CRSOs), and organizes first meeting.

Be applied

The AO resends invitation to develop the HIP. Within 30 days, if the party:

Not be applied

The AO complies with Section 106 another way

Reject FS invitationParty will not be a HIP CP

The AO and HP develop the HIP in consultation with (interested) HIP CPs.

- AO/HP host first meeting (should be prior to HIP drafting to obtain initial input)
- No later than 30 days after first meeting, AO/HP should create HIP development timeline with required review:
 - At least 1 review period of draft HIP (+ 1 final 30 day review) *Duration of final review period is not accounted for in this section
- AO/HP invites HIP CPs to relevant stakeholder meetings related to Project
- AO, with HP, determines whether CRSOs proposed may be incorporated in HIP based on criteria in Phasing NPA

Modify HIP

The AO sends final, unsigned HIP to HIP CPs for final review.

If, within 30 days, SHPO/THPO or Tribe express:

Support for HIP

The AO considers comments and may consult further before sharing their intent to issue or modify the HIP.

If the FS cannot resolve the disagreement, the HIP CP or AO refers the matter to the ACHP.

ACHP

15 days submit comments or to request 15 more days to the Higher-Ranking AO

Higher-Ranking AO

Coordinates with relevant AO and HP(s) to see if or how HIP may be modified. AO applying the NPA shares decision to:

Issue HIP

The AO will sign the HIP and include in records before project decision

The AO implements HIP before project activities are implemented.

HP and AO coordinate with each other during project implementation.

AO provides HIP CPs annual report of project and HIP activities.

Note: Duration for each step are estimates for a "standard" process to develop a HIP (i.e. no Tribal lands or other special circumstance). Estimated time to complete (sign) a HIP is approximately 150-270+ days. Process does not account for HIP implementation and any amendments that the HIP may require post project decision.