

REFUSE-FIRED STEAM GENERATING PLANT
PROPOSED FOR N.A.S.A. LANGLEY RESEARCH CENTER, HAMPTON, VA.

HISTORICAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES

In the State of Virginia, the person authorized to act as State Historic Preservation Officer is the Executive Director of the Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission, Mr. Junius R. Fishburn, whose office is 221 Governor Street, Richmond, Virginia, 23219. State environmental review and approval of Federal projects affecting sites of archaeological and historic interest is handled by Mr. Robert Swisher of the same office.

The Landmarks Commission does feel that Old Kings Road is worthy of a small archaeological investigation. It suggests that steps be taken to mitigate the adverse effects of construction of the burner on the historic road. This can be done by an exploratory survey, test pits to check for prehistoric occupation, and a cross section or two of the road itself.

The Commission would approve a suitable work plan and supporting budget not to exceed \$1,000, if submitted by a recognized historical/archaeological organization which might be interested in undertaking such an exploration.

To this end, the Langley Research Center Historical and Archaeological Society (LRC-HAS) is prepared to submit a work proposal and budget (not to exceed \$1,000) to carry out the investigation during the summer of 1976. They would have personnel available for the work, and could hire a consulting archaeologist for professional assistance. This proposal and budget will be submitted for approval to Mr. Swisher at the Landmarks Commission in Richmond by June 1, 1976.

The Commission recognizes the quality of the work done by LRC-HAS, and has already approved their exploration of two house foundations currently underway on the Chesterville Plantation on NASA property.

When the Landmarks Commission has (a) received assurance that NASA will approve the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$1,000 from the budget for the proposed refuse fired steam generating plant, and (b) will allow archaeological exploration of the proposed plant site by the LRC-HAS, as outlined in their forthcoming proposal, for the summer of 1976, then the Commission, through the Preservation Officer, is prepared to indicate to NASA that the obligation to mitigate adverse historical and archaeological effects of refuse plant construction have been adequately met and construction of the plant may proceed.