

EXHIBIT 15 - PHASE I CULTURAL RESOURCES SURVEY

(Abstract Only)
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ABSTRACT

From January 19 to February 20, 2015, SURA, Inc. conducted a Phase I cultural resources survey of an 865 acre (350 hectare) tract between Bayou Rapides and Big Bayou, just west of England Industrial Airpark (formerly England Air Force Base), Alexandria, Rapides Parish, Louisiana. A total of 3,690 shovel tests were excavated. Three archaeological sites were recorded (16RA1534, 16RA1535, and 16R1536). The first was a surface scatter of prehistoric artifacts on the south natural levee of Big Bayou, in the northeast of the Area of Potential Effects (APE). The second, located in the northwest part of the APE, was a scatter of prehistoric and historic materials on the south natural levees of Big Bayou and an unnamed drain. The third site was located on the north natural levee of Bayou Rapides. It consisted of historic materials and a few prehistoric lithics and sherds. None of these sites possessed the quality of integrity necessary for their nomination to the NRHP. Therefore, SURA, Inc., recommends that the project be allowed to proceed as planned.