
MEMORANDUM

SMALL TOWER REVIEWS BY MS SHPO

To: Section 106 applicants for FCC projects
From: Katie Blount, State Historic Preservation Officer
Date: August 30, 2022

MS SHPO reviews for FCC-related projects are conducted in accordance with the *Nationwide Programmatic Agreement for Review of Effects on Historic Properties for Certain Undertakings Approved by the Federal Communications Commission*. This document prescribes areas of potential visual effect (APE) for new towers by height. However, the PA does not take into account small towers, requiring an APE that may be out of keeping with the potential visual effect.

In our continuing consultation, we have often found it in the best interest of MS SHPO, our Federal partners, and their contractors and consultants to modify the visual APE for small towers. Therefore, we are now offering an alternative visual APE to all partners, in accordance with Section VI.C. of the PA.

The following areas of potential visual effect are allowed for projects reviewed by MS SHPO:

- Within 1000 feet from the tower site if the proposed Tower is 40 feet or less in overall height:
- Within a half mile from the tower site if the proposed Tower is more than 40 feet but no more than 200 feet in overall height
- Within $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile from the tower site if the proposed Tower is more than 200 but no more than 400 feet in overall height
- Within 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the proposed tower site if the proposed Tower is more than 400 feet in overall height.

Collocations will continue to be reviewed in accordance with the *Nationwide Programmatic Agreement for the Collocation of Wireless Antennas*, as amended.

This change will allow for more efficient survey and review while allowing for adequate evaluation of effects. If you have any questions, please contact us at 601-576-6940 or at section106@mdah.ms.gov.