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Mr. Kevin Brown  
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Dear Mr. Brown:

This letter is to advise you of the anticipated schedule for issuance of the final determination on the petition for Federal acknowledgment filed by the Pamunkey Indian Tribe, Petitioner #323. Pursuant to the Department of the Interior's Federal acknowledgment regulations providing for consultation and requiring notice to the petitioner and interested parties of an equitable time-frame for consideration of written arguments and evidence submitted during the response period, the Assistant Secretary anticipates issuing the final determination in this matter *on or before* March 31, 2015.

During this period of consideration, the Office of Federal Acknowledgment will assist the Assistant Secretary in preparing and issuing a final determination. The regulations provide that the Assistant Secretary has the discretion to extend the period for the preparation of a final determination. Based on the comments received, the Assistant Secretary's workload associated with other pending acknowledgment decisions, and the overall workload of the Assistant Secretary, we anticipate that the Department will need more than 60 days to issue the final determination.

The Department will begin active consideration for the final determination on November 3, 2014. We want to extend our gratitude to both the Petitioner and the interested and informed parties for their timely input during the comment and response periods.

Sincerely,

Director, Office of Federal Acknowledgment

cc: Interested and Informed Parties