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President Barack Obama  
The White House,  
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RE: At least 170,000 jobs created nationwide right now by bringing the EPA into compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act.

Honorable President Barack Obama,

As you work on options to get America back to work, there is a glaring federal agency compliance problem that could immediately create jobs across the U.S.

The EPA routinely neglects its responsibilities under the National Historic Preservation Act as required by EPA's own regulations (40 CFR 300.5, 300...310 and 36 CFR 800). For years, the EPA has destroyed countless historic and prehistoric sites across the U.S. without conducting inventories or impact mitigation as required by the above referenced codes.

Each of the 8,000+ EPA Superfund and infrastructure projects that take place annually across the U.S. would put to work between 20 and 25 historic preservation professionals (including Native Americans, historians, archaeologists, lab technicians and support personnel). This figure doesn't include all the service people needed to house and feed these workers (hotels, restaurants, equipment rentals, hardware stores, etc.).

A glaring example of this lack of compliance came in 2006 at the Elem Indian Reservation where EPA non-compliance caused ~\$70,000,000 in damage to historic and prehistoric sites, effectively destroying 12,000 years of Elem Community history. See [www.wolfcreekarcheology.com/EPA%20Disaster.htm](http://www.wolfcreekarcheology.com/EPA%20Disaster.htm)

As you search for job creation ideas, please look at federal agencies and compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act and other environmental laws.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

CC: Lisa Jackson (EPA Administrator)  
House Appropriations Committee  
Senate Environment and Public Works Committee  
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