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### MEMO

To: Edna Feighner, Review & Compliance Coordinator

From: Richard Boisvert, State Archaeologist *RB*

Re: Wintertime Archaeological Fieldwork

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It has come to my attention that some contracting archaeologists have been asked to undertake fieldwork through the winter months. Clearly it is not possible to execute a responsible and acceptable reconnaissance survey when the ground is snow-covered or frozen. Please advise prospective clients and agencies whose projects we have required archaeological fieldwork that such investigations will not be possible until ground conditions permit. Phase II evaluation and testing projects might be hypothetically possible where the client can provide adequate shelter for the fieldwork and the ground can be thawed. Such logistical considerations would place an added expense to the project for the client that would be viewed as prohibitive in most circumstances.

Please advise the clients and agencies that reconnaissance surveys conducted on snow-covered ground, or shovel test pit surveys on frozen ground will be rejected, as they could not reasonably be expected to identify archaeological resources.

