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**UNITED STATES ARMY  
NATICK SOLDIER SYSTEMS CENTER  
INTEGRATED CULTURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PLAN**

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Department of Defense instruction 4715.3 and Army Regulation (AR) 200-4 require installations to develop an Integrated Cultural Resources Management Plan (ICRMP) as an internal compliance and management tool that integrates the entirety of the cultural resources program with ongoing mission activities. This document serves as an update to the 1997 Cultural Resource Management Plan (CRMP) prepared for the U.S. Army Soldier Systems Command by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District. The ICRMP update concerns only the Natick Soldier Systems Center (SSC) in Natick. It does not include the off-site housing areas in Needham, Wayland, and Hudson included in the 1997 CRMP. The ICRMP update provides current information on cultural resources and their National Register of Historic Preservation status within the approximately 74-acre facility in Natick. It includes Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for cultural resource management at Natick SSC. The ICRMP enables managers to carry out their responsibilities under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 as amended, and other relevant laws and regulations. It establishes priorities for further identification, evaluation, nomination, and management, as appropriate, of historic properties on land owned, operated, and maintained by the Natick SSC. All material and information in the ICRMP are intended to be used in conjunction with AR 200-4 and Department of the Army Pamphlet (DA PAM) 200-4. The ICRMP update covers the period 2011 through 2016.

**Table 3-1. Historic Properties within the Natick SSC.**

<b>MHC Inv. No.</b>	<b>Building Number</b>	<b>Historic Property Name (Current Name)</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Year Built</b>	<b>National Register Status*</b>
NAT.D	N/A	Quartermaster Research and Development Center Historic District	Kansas Street	1954	MHC-DOE
NAT.232	1	Administration Building-Headquarters (Carney Hall)	Wilkin Avenue	1954	MHC-DOE-C
NAT.233	2	Doriot Climatic Chambers	Turner Street	1955	MHC-DOE-C
NAT.235	3	Research Building (MacGillivray Hall)	Wilkin Avenue	1954	MHC-DOE-C
NAT.234	4	Development Building (MacArthur Hall)	Wilkin Avenue	1954	MHC-DOE-C
NAT.257	5	Technology Engineering Building (Whittlesey Building)	Wilbur Avenue	1954	MHC-DOE-C
NAT.258	7	Special Test Building (Prendergrast Building or U. S. Navy Clothing and Textile Research Facility)	Pinkham Street	1955	MHC-DOE-C
NAT.259	8	Hazardous Research Building (Nee Building)	Pinkham Street	1954	MHC-DOE-C
NAT.260	15	Enlisted Men's Barracks (Johnson Barracks and Dining Facility)	Prussman Avenue	1953	MHC-DOE-C
NAT.271	16	Food Service Equipment Laboratory (Beaudoin Building)	Prussman Avenue	1962	MHC-DOE-C
NAT.236	19	Boiler Pump House (Boiler House)	Turner Street	1953	MHC-DOE-C
NAT.270	36	Engineering Laboratory (DoD Combat Feeding Program Building or Bainbridge Building)	Prussman Avenue	1964	MHC-DOE-C
NAT.269	42	U. S. Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine (Wood Building)	Rich Avenue	1968	MHC-DOE-C
NAT.935	71	Flagpole	Median west of Building 1, Wilkin Avenue	1954	MHC-DOE-C

\*MHC-DOE: Property evaluated as eligible for the National Register by MHC

MHC-DOE-C: Property contributing to a district evaluated as eligible for the National Register by MHC

(Figure 3-1). A full history and description of the QRDC are provided above. The entirety of the Natick SSC facility is included in the MHC's *Inventory of Historic Assets of the Commonwealth* as the Natick Research and Development Center Laboratories (MHC No. NAT.D).

QRDC has unique historical significance because of its historical associations with the Cold War (1946–1989) and as a preserved example of a Cold War military research complex and is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (National Register) under Criteria A and C at the national level. Under Criterion A, the QRDC Historic District illustrates the Army's historic and current response to the need to develop measured scientific responses in the form of clothing, food, and equipment for use in