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Executive Summary

In 1980, the Wisconsin Archeological Survey wrote and distributed *Guidelines for Conservation Archeology in Wisconsin*. This document provided basic guidelines for archeologists conducting investigations under federal preservation laws. The State Historic Preservation Office has used this document to review archeological work undertaken in Wisconsin for the past 16 years.

Since 1980, there have been substantial changes in state and federal law as well as advances within the discipline of archeology itself. The WAS considers these combined changes significant enough to warrant rewriting the *Guidelines*.

The new *Guidelines* explain the processes of state and federal compliance archeology and detail the steps necessary to identify, evaluate, and mitigate archeological sites. In addition, this document also provides new guidelines for work on specific site types (burials, rock art, shipwrecks, and terrestrial historic sites) as well as for geoarcheological investigations.