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Osiris Srurano, FPO  
OSTP, 3-H-10  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Srurano:

The National Park Service (NPS) is currently soliciting information for the biannual Report on National Historic Landmarks (NHLs). This report provides Congress and the American people with information regarding the condition of these properties that the Secretary of the Interior holds to be of national significance. The purpose of the report is to assist stewards to protect and preserve their property.

As in 2000, the 2002 Report will list two levels of threats to NHLs:

**THREATENED:** NHLs that have suffered, or are in imminent danger of, a severe loss of integrity – the historical and architectural qualities that exemplify the character of the property during the time when it the event for which it is significant occurred, or the person for which it is significant lived there.

**WATCH;** NHLs that face impending actions or circumstances that likely will cause a loss of integrity

In addition, the 2002 Report will contain a list of **emergencies** caused by some recent catastrophic damage (such as by fire) that requires immediate intervention. These emergencies will also be highlighted on the NHL web site, so they can be updated monthly. NHLs will be listed as emergencies only once. Should remedial action not be initiated, they will subsequently be moved into the "threatened" category. If there are no current threats to the Landmark, its condition will be noted on the National Historic Landmark web site as satisfactory.

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The format of the 2002 Report will be the same as in 2000. There will be a **summary report** containing the types of threats to landmarks, the names of the threatened landmarks, the names of landmarks on the "watch" list, accounts of success stories, recommendations for de-designation, actions of the NHL Assistance Initiative, and contact information for the NHL team.

When this summary report is distributed to Congress, it will be accompanied by a **separate information sheet** for each listed NHL of interest to the recipient. The information sheets will identify the congressional district and certified local government status of the property, and will include short paragraphs outlining the significance of the NHL, its threat, the changes since the last report, and any recommendations for further action. Each of the individual information sheets will also include estimated costs of recommended action (if known), and two small photographs showing an overall view of the property and a detail of the specific threat. Information pages on all 2,341 current NHLs may be viewed using the "Search the Database" feature on the NPS web site at [www.cr.nps.gov/nhl](http://www.cr.nps.gov/nhl).

In order to prepare a complete and accurate report, we are once again soliciting your comments on the NHLs within your purview. We are well aware of demands on your office's time and ask only that you attempt to relay information that you have obtained in the normal course of doing business.

We have included Status Report Update forms for your convenience. Please submit your comments to this office by October 1, 2002. This due date will allow our staff sufficient time to evaluate the materials we receive and conduct further investigation when necessary. Please contact me at (215) 597-1726, if you have any questions. We appreciate your continued participation in this joint effort to preserve our historic resources.

Sincerely,

Catherine Turton  
National Historic Landmarks Program  
Northeast Region

Enclosures

**DAMAGED AND THREATENED NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARKS  
2002 STATUS REPORT UPDATE**

Use this form to report changes from the 2000 report to the status of damaged and threatened Landmarks. If no changes have occurred, it is not necessary to fill out this report. Use one form for each Landmark reported.

NAME OF NHL: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

OWNERSHIP:  Private  Multiple Private  Local Govt.  State  Federal

**THREAT (check all the categories that apply):**

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|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Damaging uses                 | <input type="checkbox"/> New construction    | <input type="checkbox"/> Inappropriate alterations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Demolition                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Severe site erosion |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Severe physical deterioration |  |  |

After checking the categories above, please describe briefly any changes and or new ongoing threats to the landmark that may have occurred in the past year.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION (check all the categories that apply):**

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|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boundary study              | <input type="checkbox"/> Legislation    | <input type="checkbox"/> Protection                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> De-designation study        | <input type="checkbox"/> Rehabilitation | <input type="checkbox"/> Excavation                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HABS/HAER documentation     | <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration    | <input type="checkbox"/> Stabilization               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Condition assessment report | <input type="checkbox"/> Adaptive reuse | <input type="checkbox"/> Repair damage/deterioration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Technical assistance        | <input type="checkbox"/> Education      |  |

After checking the categories, please briefly describe actions that would alleviate or minimize threat(s). Attach additional sheets if necessary.

**CURRENT PRIORITY STATUS OF PROPERTY (check one category):**

- Priority 1: The Landmark is seriously damaged, or in imminent danger of serious damage. Further, no or inadequate protective strategies are being utilized to preserve the Landmark's integrity.
- Priority 2: The Landmark faces potentially serious damage or threat, but the endangerment itself is not sufficiently critical at present to warrant Priority I status.
- This Landmark is no longer damaged and/or threatened; remove from report.

**PREVIOUS YEAR'S PRIORITY STATUS:**

- Priority I
- Priority 2
- Not on Damaged and Threatened NHL Report last year

Preparer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency/Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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