

March 30, 2004

Mr. Paul Loether, Director
Connecticut Historical Commission
59 South Prospect Street
Hartford, CT 06106

SUBJECT: MILLSTONE POWER STATION, UNITS 2 AND 3 LICENSE RENEWAL
REVIEW

Dear Mr. Loether:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff is reviewing an application to renew the operating licenses for Millstone Power Station, Units 2 and 3 (MPS), which is located on the north shore of Long Island Sound in Waterford, Connecticut, approximately 40 miles southeast of Hartford, Connecticut. MPS is operated by Dominion Nuclear Connecticut Inc. (DNC). The application for renewal was submitted by DNC on January 22, 2004, pursuant to NRC requirements at Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 54 (10 CFR Part 54). The NRC has established that, as part of the staff review of any nuclear power plant license renewal action, a site-specific Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) to its "Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants" (GEIS), NUREG-1437, will be prepared under the provisions of 10 CFR Part 51, the NRC rules that implement the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). In accordance with 36 CFR 800.8, the SEIS will include analyses of potential impacts to historic and archaeological resources.

In the context of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, the NRC staff has determined that the area of potential effect (APE) for a license renewal action is the area at the power plant site and its immediate environs that may be impacted by post-license renewal land-disturbing operations or projected refurbishment activities associated with the proposed action. The APE may extend beyond the immediate environs in those instances where post-license renewal land-disturbing operations or projected refurbishment activities, specifically related to license renewal, may potentially have an effect on known or proposed historic sites. This determination is made irrespective of ownership or control of the lands of interest.

While preparing its application, DNC contacted your office by letter dated July 31, 2003. In its letter, DNC stated there are no plans to significantly alter current operations over the license renewal period. DNC further stated that no expansion of existing facilities is planned, and no major structural modifications have been identified for the purpose of supporting license renewal. In addition, no land-disturbing activities are anticipated beyond those required for routine maintenance and repairs. Your office responded in a letter dated August 5, 2003, stating that the proposed undertaking will have no effect on historic, architectural, or archaeological resources listed on or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

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Sincerely,

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