

July 14, 2004

Mr. Milford "Wayne" Donaldson
State Historic Preservation Officer
California Office of Historic Preservation
1416 Ninth Street, Room 1442-7
Sacramento, California 95814

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR CONCURRENCE ON THE DETERMINATION OF EFFECTS
ON HISTORIC PROPERTIES FOR THE PROPOSED HUMBOLDT BAY
INDEPENDENT SPENT FUEL STORAGE INSTALLATION

Dear Mr. Donaldson:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff currently is reviewing a license application submitted by Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) on December 15, 2003, to construct and operate an Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI) on the site of the Humboldt Bay Power Plant (HBPP) in Humboldt County, California. As part of its review, the NRC staff is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, as specified in 10 CFR Part 51 of the NRC's regulations. As part of its environmental review, the NRC staff also is considering the potential impact of the proposed action on historic and cultural resources in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act.

As described in PG&E's application, the proposed ISFSI facility will be located within the 143-acre site boundary of the existing HBPP facility, on a small peninsula known as Buhne Point. The coordinates of the planned ISFSI site are latitude 40E44' N and longitude 124E12' W (approximately).

The NRC staff has reviewed the information provided by PG&E concerning the identification of historic and cultural resources on the HBPP site and vicinity. This information came from PG&E's environmental report and is provided to you as an enclosure. Based on its review, the NRC staff considers that there are no historical properties within the "area of potential effect." Therefore, we request your concurrence with our determination that the proposed action does not adversely affect any historical properties.

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If you have any questions, please contact Mr. James Park of my staff. Mr. Park can be reached at (301) 415-5835.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Scott C. Flanders, Deputy Director
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Office of Nuclear Material Safety
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Enclosure: Section 2.9, "Regional Historic, Scenic, Cultural, and Natural Features,"
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