

# Historic and Archaeological Resources

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# National Historic Preservation Act of 1966

NHPA sets forth a

- National policy,
- Broad philosophy, and
- Framework for decision-making

# Section 106 of NHPA

- Implementing regulations are codified at 36 CFR Part 800
- Section 106 of NHPA requires that all Federal agencies consider historic properties as part of their decision-making and calls for an advisory review of all federal undertakings

# Environmental Reports

- NRC Regulations

- 10 CFR 51.53(c)(3)(ii)(K)

- All applicants shall assess whether any historic or archaeological properties will be affected by the proposed action

- Guidance

- Regulatory Guide 4.2, Supplement 1

# NRC Staff Reviews

- NRC Regulations
  - 10 CFR 51.71(d) and 51.95(c)
- Guidance
  - Environmental Standard Review Plan, Supplement 1
    - Sections 3.6.6 and 4.4.5

# NRC Site Audit

- Staff reviews:
  - Environmental report
  - Pre-construction, construction, and post construction photos
  - Cultural resource investigations/surveys
  - Consultation correspondence
  - Site disturbance maps
  - Maps (non-public) detailing locations of sites or historic structures
  - Cultural resource protection procedures

# NRC Site Audit

- An NRC staff review also involves:
  - Observing historic and archaeological sites
  - Interviewing responsible facility personnel
  - Meeting with SHPO staff members to discuss the proposed action
  - Conducting a site file search at the State historic preservation office
  - Meeting with local preservation officials in the project area

# Key Messages

- Early applicant coordination with SHPO
  - Share cultural protection procedures
  - Facilitates efficient staff review



# References

- Advisory Council on Historic Preservation  
website: [www.achp.gov](http://www.achp.gov)