

March 31, 2011

The Honorable Natalie Proctor, Chief
Cedarville Band of Piscataway Indians, Inc
16816 County Lane
Waldorf, MD 20601-3335

SUBJECT: INITIATION OF SECTION 106 CONSULTATION PROCESS FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED 40-YEAR LICENSE RENEWAL FOR CALVERT CLIFFS INDEPENDENT SPENT FUEL STORAGE INSTALLATION (TAC NO. J00839)

Dear Chief Proctor:

By letter dated September 17, 2010, Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, LLC (CCNPP) submitted a license renewal application to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for the CCNPP site-specific Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI). The CCNPP ISFSI is located on approximately six acres within the CCNPP site near Lusby, Maryland. CCNPP is requesting that Materials License Number SNM-2505 for the ISFSI be renewed for a 40-year period. The CCNPP ISFSI currently is operating under its initial NRC 20-year license that was issued on November 30, 1992.

As established in Title 10 *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 51 (10 CFR 51), the NRC's regulations that implement the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, the NRC is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed action. Further, the NRC staff is using the process set forth in 36 CFR 800.8 to comply with its obligation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (NHPA). In accordance with 36 CFR 800.8, the EA will include analyses of impacts to historic properties. The NRC staff is currently seeking information from individuals and organizations likely to have knowledge of, or concerns with, historic properties or cultural resources in the area, to identify issues relating to the proposed undertaking's potential effects on historic properties or cultural resources.

The ISFSI is located approximately 2,300 feet southwest of the existing CCNPP power plant (enclosure). Current major operations include: (1) loading of spent fuel into shielded casks from the spent fuel pool at the power plant; (2) transport of the casks from the spent fuel pool to the ISFSI along dedicated roads on the CCNPP site; and (3) placement of the casks in the ISFSI. No gaseous, liquid, or solid wastes are generated at the ISFSI, and environmental monitoring of the ISFSI site is carried out under the CCNPP site-wide environmental monitoring program. In its license renewal application, CCNPP anticipates no change in its current operations at the ISFSI, or in the environmental monitoring programs associated with those operations. Additionally, no construction at the existing ISFSI facility and site is expected beyond that previously approved in the initial licensing process.

We want to ensure that you are aware of our efforts and, pursuant to the NHPA, the NRC invites the Cedarville Band of Piscataway Indians to provide input to the NRC's environmental review of the CCNPP application to renew the ISFSI operating license. The NRC is collecting information to facilitate identification of historic properties or cultural resources, including those of traditional religious and cultural significance that could be affected by the proposed action.

The CCNPP ISFSI license renewal application is publicly available in the NRC Public Document Room located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852, or from the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). The ADAMS Public Electronic Reading Room is accessible at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. The Accession Number for the application package is ML102650247.

Please submit any comments and information that you may have regarding this matter within 30 days of the receipt of this letter to the NRC with Attn: Ms. Diana Diaz-Toro, Mail Stop T-8F05, Washington, DC 20555. If you have any questions or need additional information regarding the proposed license renewal and environmental review process, please contact Mr. James Park of my staff by telephone at 301-415-6935 or by email at James.Park@nrc.gov. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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Larry W. Camper, Director
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Docket No.: 72-8
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