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Re: ER# 81-0658-079-TT
Bell Bend Nuclear Power Plant, Salem Township,
Luzerne County, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Chandler:

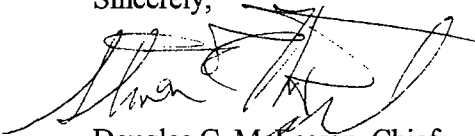
Thank you for submitting information concerning the above referenced project. The Bureau for Historic Preservation (the State Historic Preservation Office) reviews projects in accordance with state and federal laws. Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, and the implementing regulations (36 CFR Part 800) of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, is the primary federal legislation. The Environmental Rights amendment, Article 1, Section 27 of the Pennsylvania Constitution and the Pennsylvania History Code, 37 Pa. Cons. Stat. Section 500 *et seq.* (1988) is the primary state legislation. These laws include consideration of the project's potential effects on both historic and archaeological resources.

Pursuant to your correspondence dated 7 January 2013, consultation has been undertaken with our office for this project by the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and cultural resource surveys have been undertaken to determine the effect of this project to historic properties. All resources documented as a result of these surveys have either been avoided or determined not eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places. Archaeological site 36Lu288 was determined eligible for the National Register and an avoidance plan was developed in coordination with our office. We request at this time that the avoidance measures for 36Lu288 be included as a special condition on your permit. As a result of consultation for this project, it is our opinion that this project, as currently designed, will have no adverse effect to cultural resources.

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If you need further information regarding archaeological resources, contact Steven McDougal at (717) 772-0923.

Sincerely,



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