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TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY, SECTION 110 COMPLIANCE SURVEYS, ROANE COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Dear Ms. Barnett:

TVA has surveyed two land tracts that are no longer being considered for development in a project. One tract is adjacent to the Kingston Steam Plant (120 acres) and the other is located in the former Clinch River Breeder Reactor Project tract (188 acres). Both are located in Roane County on Watts Bar Reservoir. Both tracts were investigated for archaeological resources and for historic structures; including as any surrounding location from which the area would be visible.

→ TVA Cultural Resources staff has reviewed the enclosed report *Cultural Resource Survey of an Approximately 120-Acre Tract for Proposed Storage/Disposal Area Near Kingston Steam Plant in Roane County, Tennessee*. We agree with the following findings and recommendations of the authors:

1. Previously recorded sites 40RE142 and 40RE143 were relocated but are not recommended eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) due to disturbance;
2. Previously recorded site 40RE44 could not be relocated;
3. Previously recorded site 40RE45 was relocated and is recommended potentially eligible for listing in the NRHP due to its potential for intact deposits. TVA proposes to avoid site and preserve 40RE45 from any development or ground disturbing activities. If this is not possible a Phase II site evaluation will be conducted prior to ground disturbance;
4. Historic structure HS-1 is not recommended eligible for listing in the NRHP.

→ In addition, TVA Cultural Resources staff has reviewed the enclosed report *Cultural Resource Survey of a Proposed Storage/Disposal and Borrow Area on the Clinch River Breeder Reactor Site in Roane County, Tennessee*. We agree with the following findings and recommendations of the authors:

1. Previously recorded sites 40RE121 and 40RE122 were relocated but are not recommended eligible for the NRHP;

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2. Previously recorded sites 40RE156, 40RE157 and 40RE158 could not be relocated and are not recommended eligible for the NRHP;
3. Two newly recorded sites 40RE547 and 40RE548 did not contain intact archaeological deposits and are not recommended eligible for the NRHP;
4. One newly recorded site 40RE549 contains intact archaeological deposits and is recommended as potentially eligible for the NRHP. TVA proposes to avoid site and preserve 40RE45 from any development or ground disturbing activities. If this is not possible a Phase II site evaluation will be conducted prior to ground disturbance.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 800, we are seeking your concurrence with our findings and eligibility determination. If either tract in the future is selected for an undertaking, our office will proceed with Section 106 consultation regarding the project. Should you have any questions or comments, please contact Eric Howard at (865) 632-1403.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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