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SUBJECT: CONCLUSION OF SECTION 106 CONSULTATION AND NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT REGARDING LICENSE RENEWAL FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AUSTIN NETL TRIGA REACTOR (DOCKET NUMBER: 50-0602)

Dear President Russell Martin:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has completed a review of the environmental effects of the proposed renewal of the operating license for the University of Texas at Austin (UTA) National Engineering Teaching Laboratory (NETL) Training, Research, Isotopes, General Atomics (TRIGA) Mark II research reactor. The proposed action would renew Facility Operating License No. R-129 with no fixed license term, in accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Section 50.51(c). The NETL TRIGA reactor is located at the J.J. Pickle Research Campus and received its operating license on January 17, 1992. UTA submitted a license renewal application (LRA), as supplemented, to the NRC by letter dated December 12, 2011, pursuant to 10 CFR 50, "Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities." The LRA is available through the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS), which is accessible online at <https://www.nrc.gov/readingrm/adams.html>, under Accession No. [ML12156A097](#) (as supplemented: [ML12156A196](#), [ML12030A102](#), [ML12307A071](#), [ML13002A015](#), [ML13190A356](#), [ML13246A014](#), [ML15211A638](#), [ML15251A234](#), [ML16015A052](#), [ML16053A094](#), [ML16132A239](#), [ML23279A146](#), [ML23258A162](#)). Additional documents related to the application include a letter issued by the NRC staff dated July 23, 2020 ([ML20203M166](#)), an Updated Safety Analysis Report dated August 4, 2023 ([ML23279A146](#)), and environmental report dated September 15, 2023 ([ML23258A162](#)).

The purpose of this letter is to provide you notice of the availability of the environmental assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) ([ML26033A479](#); [91 FR 11998](#)) for the renewal of the relevant operating license and to document the NRC's conclusion of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, (NHPA) Section 106 consultation consistent with Title 36 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (36 CFR) Part 800.

By letters dated April 30, 2024, and May 10, 2024 the NRC staff initiated NHPA Section 106 consultation, as appropriate, with seven Tribes on April 30, 2024 ([ML24096A057](#)) and twelve Tribes on ([ML24127A107](#)), respectively, regarding this LRA. Further, by letters dated May 1, 2024 the NRC staff initiated NHPA Section 106 consultation, as appropriate, with the Texas State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation ([ML24096A034](#)) regarding this LRA. These letters also included a notification of the NRC staff's intent in accordance with 36 CFR 800.8(c) to comply with its obligations under NHPA Section 106 through the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, process.

Thereafter, by letters dated January 16, 2026, the NRC staff notified Tribes ([ML25349A091](#)) and the Texas SHPO ([ML25349A057](#)) that the UTA NETL TRIGA Reactor historic and cultural resources section of the EA, which contained the NRC staff's finding of no adverse effect to historic properties, was available for public comment. The Texas SHPO concurred with the NRC staff's finding by letter dated February 14, 2026 ([ML26048A064](#)). All information on NHPA Section 106 consultation is detailed in the EA.

You may access public documents related to the UTA NETL TRIGA Reactor LRA, including the EA and FONSI, at the following link: <https://www.nrc.gov/info-finder/nonpower/utx-tx-triga>. Thank you for your participation; the NRC staff looks forward to working with you on future projects.

Sincerely,



Signed by Koenick, Stephen
on 03/19/26

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