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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE FINAL SUPPLEMENTAL
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT REGARDING SUBSEQUENT
LICENSE RENEWAL FOR THE H.B. ROBINSON STEAM ELECTRIC PLANT,
UNIT NO. 2 (DOCKET NUMBER: 50-261)

Dear Chief Dexter Sharp:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff is conducting a review of the environmental effects of the proposed subsequent renewal of the renewed facility operating license for H.B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant, Unit No. 2 (Robinson) for an additional 20 years. Robinson is operated by Duke Energy Progress, LLC (Duke) and is located in Darlington County, South Carolina. Duke submitted an application for Robinson subsequent license renewal (SLR) by letter dated April 1, 2025, pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 54, "Requirements for Renewal of Operating Licenses for Nuclear Power Plants." The SLR application is available through the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS), which is accessible online at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>, under Package Accession No. [ML25091A290](#). The current renewed facility operating license for Robinson expires on July 31, 2030.

In accordance with its January 9, 2017, Tribal Policy Statement ([82 FR 2402](#)), the NRC encourages participation by State-recognized Tribes in the NRC's licensing and regulatory processes. The NRC staff documented the results of its environmental review of the Robinson SLR application in the "Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants, Supplement 13, Second Renewal, Regarding Subsequent License Renewal for H.B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant, Unit No. 2, Final Report," dated March 2026 ([ML26062A118](#)). The purpose of this letter is to provide you notice of the availability of this final supplemental environmental impact statement (EIS) 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 May 23, 2025, the NRC staff initiated NHPA Section 106 consultation, as appropriate, with and requested scoping comments from sixteen federally recognized Tribes ([ML25126A172](#)), thirteen State-recognized Tribes ([ML25127A106](#)), the South Carolina State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) ([ML25127A197](#)), and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) ([ML25127A195](#)). These letters also included 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 December 31, 2025, the NRC staff notified fifteen federally recognized Tribes ([ML25328A114](#)), thirteen State-recognized Tribes ([ML25328A129](#)), the South Carolina SHPO ([ML25328A089](#)), and the ACHP ([ML25328A088](#)) that the draft supplemental EIS for the Robinson SLR application, which included the NRC staff's finding of no adverse effect to historic properties, was available for public comment. The South Carolina SHPO concurred with the NRC staff's finding by letter dated January 15, 2026 ([ML26021A021](#)). All information on NHPA Section 106 consultation is detailed in the final supplemental EIS in Section 3.7 and Appendix D.

You may access all public documents related to the Robinson SLR application, including the final supplemental EIS, at the following link:

<https://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/applications/robinson-subsequent>.

Thank you for your participation; the NRC staff looks forward to working with you on future projects.

Sincerely,



Signed by Koenick, Stephen
on 03/20/26

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