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Tribal Leader
Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Indians
of New Jersey
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Bridgeton, NJ 08302

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF THE OYSTER CREEK NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION LICENSE TERMINATION PLAN APPLICATION (DOCKET NUMBER: 05000219)

Dear Tribal Leader:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff is conducting an environmental review for a license amendment requesting approval of a license termination plan (LTP) for Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station (OCNGS) submitted by Holtec Decommissioning International, LLC on August 1, 2024, pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 50, "Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities." OCNGS is located at 741 Route 9, South Forked River, New Jersey. Approval of the LTP would result in the release of a majority of the OCNGS site for unrestricted use; a small portion of the site used for the dry storage of spent nuclear fuel (also known as an independent spent fuel storage installation) would remain under the NRC license for restricted use. The NRC staff is currently reviewing the LTP application.

The application is available through the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible at https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html#web-based-adams. The supplement to the environmental report portion of the application can be found in the LTP, Revision 2 (dated December 2025) listed under ADAMS ML25345A095. Specifically, a discussion of historic and cultural resources can be found in Section 8.8.13. In addition, the NRC staff relied upon an architectural inventory (ML25345A158) and supplement to the architectural inventory (ML26058A164) to inform its cultural resources review.

Based on its cultural resources review, the NRC made a finding of Adverse Effect pursuant to Title 36 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (36 CFR) Section 800.5(d)(2) and consulted with New Jersey State Historic Preservation Officer (NJ SHPO) for concurrence on this finding (ML26054A194). The NJ SHPO concurred with this finding on March 17, 2026 (ML26077A111). Due to the nature of the undertaking, and in discussion with the NJ SHPO, the NRC staff have concluded that a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), pursuant to 36 CFR 800.6(b)(iv), is the appropriate means by which to resolve adverse effects. Two federally recognized Tribes ((ML26062A162; ML26054A238)), three state recognized Tribes (ML26054A287), and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ML26054A195) were also consulted regarding the NRC staff's finding of Adverse Effect.

As stated in previous correspondence, and in accordance with 36 CFR 800.8(c), the NRC is complying with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (NHPA), through the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, process. The draft historic and cultural resources section of the environmental assessment, including the draft MOA, and a record of all consultations and responses, is publicly available for review and comment at https://www.nrc.gov/info-finder/reactors/oc, under the Decommissioning dropdown, 2.0 Site Status Summary.

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. Therefore, the NRC invites you to submit any comments or concerns that you may have regarding the NRC's environmental review of the proposed undertaking (OCNGS LTP) within 15 days.

If you have any questions concerning the NRC's NHPA Section 106 consultation, please contact Beau Goldstein, Archaeologist, by phone at 301-415-1765 or via email at Beau.Goldstein@nrc.gov or Patrick Donohue, Environmental Project Manager, by phone at 301-415-5237 or via email at Patrick.Donohue@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

Signed by Koenick, Stephen
on 04/16/26

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