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Irenne Zwierlein, Chairperson
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of Mission San Juan Bautista
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SUBJECT: UPDATED ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FOR THE VALLECITOS BOILING
WATER REACTOR AND GENERAL ELECTRIC TEST REACTOR
DECOMMISSIONING AND DEMOLITION (DOCKET NUMBERS: 05000018
AND 05000070)

Dear Chairperson Irenne Zwierlein:

The purpose of this letter is to provide updated information for a U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) environmental review for a license amendment request (LAR) to authorize major decommissioning activities at the Vallecitos Nuclear Center (VNC) in Alameda County, California. The LAR was submitted by NorthStar Vallecitos, LLC on September 26, 2024, pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 50, "Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities." The application is available under docket numbers 05000018 and 05000070.

As part of ongoing consultations with the California State Historic Preservation Office (CA SHPO), the CA SHPO provided NRC staff with suggestions and requests for clarification and information (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. [ML26103A121](#)). The NRC staff responded to the CA SHPO's suggestions and requests ([ML26173A059](#)) with the following clarifications:

- The NRC staff will be following the standard National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 compliance process found at Title 36 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* Sections 800.3 through 800.6
- The NRC staff has determined that 24 buildings/structures at the VNC contribute to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)-eligibility of a VNC historic district
- The NRC staff has determined that the Vallecitos Boiling Water Reactor and General Electric Test Reactor are individually NRHP-eligible
- The NRC staff has made a revised finding of adverse effect

The CA SHPO has concurred with the NRC staff's determinations and finding ([ML26203A014](#)). In subsequent correspondence, the NRC staff will ask for your comments on a draft Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) that will be prepared to resolve adverse effects. At that time, our request for comment on the MOA will include an expedited timeframe.

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 updated environmental review within 15 days.

If you have any questions, please contact Beau Goldstein, Archaeologist, via email at Beau.Goldstein@nrc.gov or Jill Caverly, Senior Environmental Project Manager, via email at Jill.Caverly@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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