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Mr. Patrick Boyle, Project Manager
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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Re: Rhode Island Nuclear Science Center Reactor License
University of Rhode Island Bay Campus
Reactor Road
Narragansett, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Boyle:

The Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission staff has reviewed the information that you provided for the above-referenced undertaking. The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is conducting an environmental review of the effects of renewing the operating license of the Rhode Island Nuclear Science Center (RINSC) reactor, located on Reactor Road at the University of Rhode Island Bay Campus in Narragansett.

The NRC has determined that the area of potential effects (APE) for the proposed license renewal is the reactor and its immediate environs that may be impacted by ongoing reactor operations. This APE may extend beyond this area, however, in instances where ongoing reactor operations or occasional facility refurbishment activities may have a temporary visual or audible effect on known historic sites in the vicinity of the RINSC.

The NRC has determined that the renewal of the operating license will have no adverse effect on historic resources. The RIHPHC concurs with this determination. Therefore, we have no objection to the undertaking.

These comments are provided in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. If you have any questions, please contact Jeffrey Emidy, Project Review Coordinator for this office.

Very truly yours,

FOR Edward F. Sanderson
Executive Director
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer