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CNS	=	Constellation Nuclear Station, Inc.
DEC	=	New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
EPA	=	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
OPRHP	=	New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation

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New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
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August 1, 2003

Carla M. Logan
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Dear Ms. Logan:

RE: NRC
CNS-02-154
Nine Mile Point Units 1 & 2
License Renewal
Town of Scriba, Oswego County
03PR0532

Thank you for requesting the comments of the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). The SHPO has reviewed this project in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. Currently, there are no known archaeological sites within your project area. However, SHPO considers the project area sensitive for cultural resources because of its environmental setting. Therefore, it is recommended that SHPO be consulted prior to any construction projects including work within existing power line corridors.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at ext. 3280.

Sincerely,

Historic Preservation Program Specialist

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February 28, 2004
NMPE 0401

Ms. Bernadette Castro
Commissioner
New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
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Agency Building #1
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Albany, NY 12238

Dear Ms. Castro:

SUBJECT: Environmental Review for Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station License Renewal Project

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February 23, 2004
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New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
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Syracuse, NY 13204-2400

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United States Army Corps of Engineers
Buffalo District Office
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Buffalo, NY 14207-3199

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NMPE 0403

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