

**Action:** Cultural Resources Management Plan **Prerequisite Actions:** Phase I Archaeological Survey and Power Plant Historic Assessment

**Action Description:**

Develop a cultural resources management plan for projects with significant archaeological and National Historic Register sites.

**Applicable Hydro Projects/Developments:** All

## I. Objective

Develop a Cultural Resources Management Plan (CRMP) for those projects with sites that are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). The CRMP will spell out how impacts to historic properties will be addressed during the term of the project license.

## II. Basis

FERC requires applicants to address historic properties in Exhibit E of the license application (18CFR4.51.f.4). Requirements for consideration of cultural resources are further spelled out in the implementing regulations of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (36 CFR Part 800).

## III. Geographic and Temporal Scope

A CRMP will be developed for each project that is found to have historic properties within the area of potential effect (APE) of the project. Accordingly, the geographic scope of each CRMP will vary from project to project. Generally speaking, the CRMP will address the management of historic properties located within the project, on recreation lands required by the project license and those historic properties that could be affected by lake use permitting activities.

## IV. Approach and Analysis

CRMPs will be developed by a qualified archaeological consulting firm retained by Duke Power through a competitive bidding process. The CRMPs will be developed in consultation with the NCSHPO, the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians, the United States Forest Service and other interested parties.

For those projects without any known historic properties, the CRMP may address issues related to the discovery of previously unknown cultural sites and ground disturbing activities related to project maintenance or the development of recreation areas.

## V. Schedules and Required Conditions

The CRMPs can not be developed until both the archaeological surveys are complete and the NRHP-eligibility determinations are completed for project structures. Work to develop CRMPs will not begin until 2002 at the earliest.

## VI. Results

The CRMPs will spell out how impacts to historic properties located within a project's APE will be addressed during the term of the license. Historic properties are defined as those historic and archaeological sites that are eligible for the NRHP. The CRMPs may also include plans to conduct educational activities to inform the public of the value of historic properties.

## VII. Participants

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## VIII. Expected Benefits

CRMPs ensure that significant cultural resources are protected for the benefit of the public. Historic properties provide insight into our past and can contribute to the enjoyment of a region. The CRMPs ensure that both Duke Power hydro managers and interested stakeholders clearly understand the roles of all parties that share responsibility for ensuring the proper consideration and management of historic properties.

## IX. List of Attachments

## X. List of References