

**Action:** Power Plant Historic Assessment    **Prerequisite Actions:** none

**Action Description:**

Evaluate National Historic Register eligibility for project structures.

**Applicable Hydro Projects/Developments:**

All

## **I. Objective**

Identify facility structures (i.e., dams, powerhouses, office buildings, etc.) that are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). For those facilities found to be eligible for the NRHP, identify contributing elements.

## **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).

In response to the Initial Stage Consultation Package for the seven projects, the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office (NCSHPO) recommended that Duke Power evaluate the dams, powerhouses and other associated structures to determine if they are eligible for the NRHP.

## **III. Geographic and Temporal Scope**

The NRHP evaluations will encompass the facility structures. While these evaluations may address contributing elements that are outside the project boundary, the assessment will provide eligibility determinations only to those structures within the project.

## **IV. Approach and Analysis**

The NRHP evaluations will be conducted by a trained architectural historian who has experience evaluating industrial facilities. The consultant will be selected through a competitive bidding process. The consultant will utilize previous architectural assessments including county-wide historic structure studies, utilize the Duke Power archives located in Franklin, and other sources including local and state agencies.

## **V. Schedules and Required Conditions**

The NRHP evaluations will be conducted during 2001.

## **VI. Results**

A historic properties management plan will be developed for any structures located within the project boundary that are found to be eligible for the NRHP. These management plans will be incorporated into the cultural resources management plan for the project if a CRMP is developed. The historic properties management plan will spell out how Duke Power will manage the struc-

ture, what types of activities are exempt from NCSHPO review and what types of activities need NCSHPO review.

## VII. Participants

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## VIII.Expected Benefits

Evaluation of the facilities for the National Register is required for compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. The evaluation will provide information on the role of the facilities in the development of southwestern North Carolina.

## IX. List of Attachments

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