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Mr. Carlos A. Rubio Cancela
State Historic Preservation Officer
Oficina Estatal de Conservación Histórica
PO Box 9023935
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Subject: Section 106 Consultation Regarding Site Characterization at the
BONUS, Puerto Rico, Decommissioned Reactor Site

Dear Mr. Rubio Cancela:

The United States (U.S.) Department of Energy Office of Legacy Management (LM) is responsible for the long-term radiological stewardship and surveillance of the Boiling Nuclear Superheater (BONUS), PR, Decommissioned Reactor Site (18.365°N, 67.269°W) in the Municipality of Rincón, Puerto Rico, in compliance with applicable environmental laws and regulations. For information about the site, see www.energy.gov/lm/articles/bonus-puerto-rico-planta-del-reactor-clausurado-hoja-de-datos.

LM is partnering with the owner and operator Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority (PREPA) along with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to conduct a site characterization to reaffirm the determination of “no radiological contamination” of the 143-acre parcel owned by PREPA (tax property identification # 095-000-004-03) including and surrounding the reactor facility at the BONUS Decommissioned Reactor site (see enclosed photo exhibit and maps, Attachments 2 to 4). LM is the lead agency for this undertaking. Activities would be limited to administrative work and non-invasive field surveys, including a gamma walkover survey using hand-carried detectors within the reactor and across the area of potential effect (APE) (defined below), with the exception of a radiological scoping survey that would involve collecting soil samples using hand tools. Radiological soil sampling locations would be low-density across the APE, with approximately 28 total locations anticipated in Class 1 and 2 survey units (SU) and approximately 18 locations anticipated in each individual SU within Class 3 and Non-Impacted areas (see enclosed Attachment 4 sampling maps). Soil samples in Class 1 and 2 are anticipated to be up to 1-foot deep and not expected to exceed a total weight of 6.5 pounds (approximately 2,000 cm³), while samples in Class 3 and Non-Impacted areas are anticipated to each have a smaller overall volume and to be no more than 6 inches deep. Sampling locations would be placed along existing paths and other open areas at the discretion of the field crew. Some limited vegetation clearance may occur in Class 1 and 2 SUs, but no off-road driving would occur in any SU. No changes to the reactor structures, systems, or components would occur.

Although the proposed undertaking is unlikely to affect unidentified historic properties, LM is initiating consultation with your office in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and its operating regulations in Title 36 *Code of Federal Regulations* (C.F.R.) Part 800. The APE is the 143-acre PREPA parcel depicted on the enclosed vicinity map (Attachment 3). A representative example of sampling locations is depicted on an enclosed map; however, the exact locations would change based on site conditions.

Cultural resource records available from the Oficina Estatal de Conservación Histórica (OECH) indicate that less than 1% of the project area has been surveyed for cultural resources; however, historical aerial imagery reveals that large areas have been disturbed by agricultural clearing, reactor development, and community use. The BONUS reactor facility (07001194) and Punta Higüero Light (81000560) are historic properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places and are located in the APE. No sampling is anticipated in the vicinity of the lighthouse, while the vicinity of the reactor is disturbed from construction and remediation.

In accordance with Title 36 C.F.R. Part 800.5(b), LM has determined that no known historic properties would be affected by the undertaking. LM does not anticipate any adverse effects to unidentified historic properties due to the limitations placed on sampling, but requests concurrence from OECH. We have not enclosed a federal agency authorization letter or funding application because the undertaking would be self-funded and performed by federal agencies. The delivery control coversheet (Attachment 6) is enclosed.

As is typical for LM, the proposed work would be conducted under an aggressive Pause Work program in the event of an unanticipated discovery of cultural material (see enclosed *Inadvertent Discovery Plan*). If the scope of the proposed work changes substantially, additional consultation with your office may be required.

In accordance with 36 C.F.R. Part 800.3(e), LM has sought comment from the public by publishing the enclosed notice (Attachment 5) in the newspaper El Nuevo Día on March 24, 2026. Any comments received within 30 days of this notice will be forwarded to your office. LM has also sent this public notice to the municipal government of Rincón.

Please contact me at (636) 485-0036 or Tiffany.Drake@lm.doe.gov if you have questions or require additional information regarding the proposed work.

Please address email correspondence to: LMAdminSupport@lm.doe.gov.

Sincerely,

**TIFFANY
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Tiffany Drake
BONUS Site Manager

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**Formulario para el control de entrega.
Proyectos de sección 106**

(Delivery control form 106 Section)

Sección A. Información a ser llenada por el proponente* (Section A. Information to be filled by proponent)			
Nombre del Proyecto/ Project's name		Número de referencia federal/ Reference federal number	
Site Characterization for the Boiling Nuclear Superheater (BONUS) Reactor, Rincon, Puerto Rico			
Municipio/ Municipality	Barrio/ Ward	Nombre del Proponente/ Proponent's name	
Rincon	Puntas	Department of Energy Office of Legacy Management (LM)	
Agencia Federal/ Federal Agency		Total de fondos federales solicitados/ Total of federal funds to be requested	Total de acres/ Total amount of acres
LM		\$1,162,000	143
Nombre de la persona que entrega/ Name of person who delivers		Firma/Signature	
Tiffany Drake, LM BONUS Site Manager		TIFFANY DRAKE Digitally signed by TIFFANY DRAKE Date: 2026.04.14 16:47:21 -04'00'	
Sección B. Información a ser llenada por la OECH al momento de la entrega del proyecto (Section B. Information to be filled by SHPO upon delivery)			
Fecha de entrega en la OECH/ SHPO delivery date		Nombre y firma de la persona que recibe/ Name and signature of person who received	

- * Para poder cumplir su labor ministerial la OECH requiere que la Sección A de este formulario sea completada en su totalidad. Por tal razón, no se aceptarán proyectos que incumplan este requerimiento.
(To carry out our duties, the SHPO requires that Section A of this form be totally filled-out. For this reason, we will not accept an incomplete form.)

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Photo 1. General view of existing path and dense vegetation inside APE (taken December 2025).



Photo 2. General view of existing path and dense vegetation inside APE (taken December 2025).

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Photo 3. General view of existing path and dense vegetation inside APE (taken December 2025).



Photo 4. General view of Punta Higuero Light (taken December 2025).

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Photo 5. General view of BONUS reactor facility from outside fence (taken December 2025).



Photo 6. Aerial image of northern APE (taken October 2024).

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Photo 7. Aerial image of central APE (taken October 2024).



Photo 8. Aerial image of southern APE (taken October 2024).



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Figure 2. Class 1 Survey Units: SUs 1, 2 and 3



Figure 3. Class 2 Survey Units: SLUs 4 and 5



Figure 4. Class 3 Survey Unit: SU 6

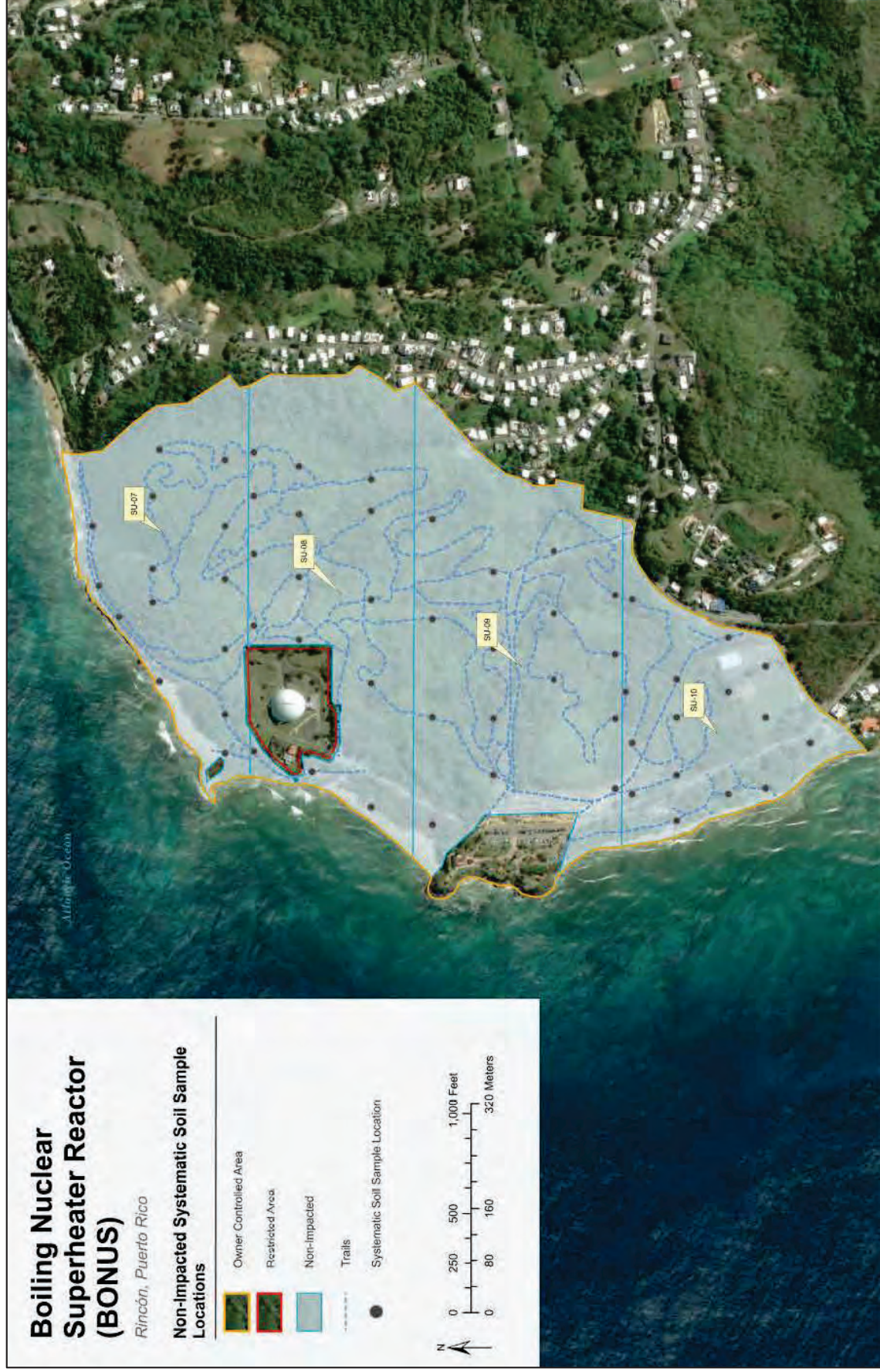


Figure 5. Non-Impacted Survey Units: SUs 7, 8, 9, and 10

Aviso público:

La Oficina de Manejo de Legados del Departamento de Energía de los Estados Unidos en colaboración con la Autoridad de Energía Eléctrica de Puerto Rico y el Cuerpo de Ingenieros del Ejército de los Estados Unidos llevarán a cabo una evaluación y caracterización de sitio histórico con el objetivo de reafirmar la conclusión de “ausencia de contaminación radiológica” en el terreno que comprende los aproximadamente 140 acres circundantes a las facilidades de la planta del Reactor Nuclear de Agua Hirviente Sobrecalentada (BONUS) ubicada en el municipio de Rincón, Puerto Rico. Las actividades que podrían alterar el suelo se limitarán a la recolección de muestras de suelo de poca profundidad y de baja densidad con el uso de herramientas manuales, no motorizadas. No habrá impacto en las facilidades del reactor clausurado BONUS, ni en el Faro de Punta Higüero, las cuales son propiedades históricas inscritas en el Registro Nacional de Lugares Históricos.

Según la Sección 106 de la Ley Nacional de Preservación Histórica, el público puede comentar sobre la posibilidad de que el proyecto propuesto afecte propiedades históricas, como por ejemplo, yacimientos arqueológicos importantes, estructuras arquitectónicas y otros recursos culturales que estén inscritos o sean elegibles de inscripción en el Registro Nacional de Lugares Históricos. Para más información, visite: www.achp.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2021-06/CitizenGuide2021Spanish_011321.pdf.

Puede enviar cualquier comentario a la Oficina de Manejo de Legados del Departamento de Energía de EE. UU. escribiendo a 2597 Legacy Way, Grand Junction, Colorado 81503, o por correo electrónico a public.affairs@lm.doe.gov dentro del plazo de 30 días a partir de la fecha de este aviso.



Inadvertent Discovery Plan of Cultural Resources and Paleontological Resources

Abbreviations:

CUI	Controlled Unclassified Information	NAGPRA	Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990
IDP	Inadvertent Discovery Plan	SHPO	State Historic Preservation Office
LM	Office of Legacy Management	THPO	Tribal Historic Preservation Office
LMS	Legacy Management Support		

This is the plan and procedures for the inadvertent discovery of cultural resources including human remains (*Section 4*) as well as paleontological resources.

LM and the LMS contractor must develop an IDP when proposed activity has high *potential* to disturb cultural resources or paleontological resources. Typically, these types of projects include substantial construction-related ground disturbance activity or any ground disturbance in areas of known archaeological or paleontological sensitivity. A sitewide IDP can be developed as needed.

Once complete, an IDP *must be accessible at the LM site* during all project activities. All onsite personnel should be familiar with its contents and know where to find it. If the IDP is marked as containing CUI, it must be safeguarded from accidental release to the public in accordance with LM's CUI program.

General Information

LM site: BONUS, PR, Decommissioned Reactor Site **Date:** 4/1/2026

Project (if IDP is only for a specific part of the LM site or for an offsite area): Site Characterization

County and state: Municipality of Rincon, Puerto Rico

Tribal landowner (as applicable): None

Provide context for the form and any specific considerations as needed (include sensitive details only as needed):

This form was prepared to support planned soil sampling and other site characterization activity at the LM Site and across the larger parcel owned by the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority (PREPA). This site characterization project is being completed by LM and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).

The project area includes the decommissioned BONUS reactor and the Punta Higüero Light, which are historic properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places. PR SHPO records indicate that less than 1% of the project area has been surveyed for cultural resources; however, large areas have been disturbed by agricultural clearing, reactor development, and community use.

If there is an inadvertent discovery of cultural resources, human remains, or paleontological resources that requires further Section 106 consultation under the NHPA, USACE and PREPA must also be consulted. Any disagreements between LM, USACE, and PREPA must be resolved by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. Any notices made to the general public must be translated into the local Spanish dialect.

Attachments? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Section 1—Introduction

This IDP outlines procedures that personnel will perform in the event of an unexpected discovery of cultural resources, human remains, or paleontological resources during project activity. The proper execution of this IDP in the event of an unanticipated discovery will maintain compliance with the applicable local, state, tribal, and federal laws.

A IDP does not substitute for a formal review through the National Historic Preservation Act or Paleontological Resources Preservation Act.



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Section 2—Cultural Resources Material Discoveries

Cultural resources are commonly defined as physical evidence of past human activity typically consisting of a site, structure, object, landscape, or natural feature of significance to a group of people traditionally associated with it. A typical cultural discovery is one of human-modified material, which could be prehistoric or historic. Examples include:

- Bones, intact or in small pieces, especially butchered bone or deliberately buried bone.
- An area of burned rock, charcoal, or very dark stained soil, possibly containing artifacts.
- Stone tools or waste flakes (e.g., an arrowhead or stone chips).
- Modified natural features, such as rock panels altered into petroglyphs or pictographs (i.e., “rock art”), deliberately stacked rocks, trees that exhibit anthropogenic alteration, or plants identified by tribal informants.
- Agricultural, mining, or logging materials that appear older than 50 years. These could include equipment, fencing, canals, tools, vertical shafts, waste rock piles, and many other items.
- Clusters of tin cans, bottles, or other debris that appear to be older than 50 years.
- Remnants of homesteading, ranching, or farming. These could include bricks, nails, household items, toys, food containers, and many other items.
- Ruins of buildings or structures consisting of foundations, utilities, trash pits, and other materials.
- Old explosives or munitions. Always assume that munitions are live; never touch or move them.
- Gravesites and funerary objects associated with human remains.

The above list does not cover every possible cultural resource. When in doubt, it is best to assume that the cultural material has significance until it is determined otherwise by the appropriate qualified cultural professional (e.g., *archaeologist, architectural historian, tribal expert in traditional cultural practices*).

Section 3—Paleontological Resources Material Discoveries

The Society of Vertebrate Paleontology (SVP) has defined significant paleontological resources as consisting of fossils and fossiliferous deposits consisting of identifiable vertebrate fossils, large or small, uncommon invertebrate, plant, and trace fossils, and other data that provide taphonomic, taxonomic, phylogenetic, paleoecologic, stratigraphic, or biochronologic information. Examples include the following:

- Fossilized bones and teeth
- Fossilized plant material
- Fossilized sea creatures
- Fossilized wood
- Fossilized footprints and other trace fossils

The above list does not cover every possible paleontological resource. When in doubt, it is best to assume that the paleontological material has significance until it is determined otherwise by the appropriate qualified paleontological professional.

Section 4—Onsite Responsibility: Pause Work

If any LM or LMS employee, subcontractor, or volunteer believes that they have identified cultural resources, human remains, or paleontological resources at any point in the project area, then the worker has the responsibility to pause work.

The Pause Work process is as follows:

Step A. Pause Work

- [1] All work must pause immediately in the vicinity of the discovery. Do not pick up the discovery. If the discovery may relate to human remains, do not photograph the discovery until directed to do so by LM or LMS Cultural Resources personnel (see *Step D for contact information*).

If any photographs or locational data are collected, assume they are subject to CUI requirements until informed otherwise.



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Step B. Protect the Discovery

- [1] Leave the discovery and the surrounding area untouched. If there is any risk of further disturbance from vehicles, equipment, or unaware personnel, create a clear, identifiable boundary (*50-foot-wide buffer if possible*) with temporary fencing, flagging, stakes, or other clear markings.
- [2] Provide protection and ensure the integrity of the discovery until the requirements of this IDP are met. Do not permit vehicles, equipment, or unauthorized personnel to traverse the boundary of the discovery site. Do not allow work to resume within the boundary until clearance is provided by the LM site manager. Work may continue outside of the established boundary, but should be closely monitored for additional discoveries.
- [3] Maintaining the privacy and confidentiality of a discovery might be important for its preservation. Do not contact the media or allow any unauthorized dissemination of information or images of the discovery. Do not post about the discovery on social media.

Step C. Notify Project Archaeologist or Project Paleontologist (as applicable)

- [1] If the project has an archaeologist or paleontologist on-call or onsite, notify that person when applicable. If there is a monitoring plan in place, they will follow the procedures it contains (*which may differ from those here*).
- [2] Contact information (as applicable): Not applicable

Step D. Notify Project Contacts

- [1] Contact the LMS Cultural Resources subject matter expert or their cultural resources backup by phone and email:

LMS Cultural Resources subject matter expert

Name:	Charity Norton	Jessica Dougherty (back-up)
Phone:	304-413-0354	303-404-6130
Email:	Charity.Norton@lm.doe.gov	Jessica.Dougherty@lm.doe.gov

- [2] Unless informed otherwise by the LMS Cultural Resources subject matter expert, contact the following additional people by phone and email:

LM site, program, or facility manager

Name:	Tiffany Drake
Phone:	636-485-0036
Email:	Tiffany.Drake@lm.doe.gov

LMS site or project lead

Name:	Michele Miller
Phone:	412-818-7015
Email:	Michele.Miller@lm.doe.gov

LMS Cultural Resources manager

Name:	Padraic Benson
Phone:	303-410-4821
Email:	Padraic.Benson@lm.doe.gov

LMS Environmental Compliance point of contact

Name:	Annette Barndt
Phone:	303-410-4880
Email:	Annette.Barndt@lm.doe.gov



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Step E. Comply with Applicable Laws

- [1] LM or LMS Cultural Resources personnel may be able to determine that a discovery does not meet the criteria of a cultural resource or paleontological resource, or that it cannot be affected by the activity. In this case, complete appropriate documentation with their guidance and then continue to Step F.
- [2] Once notified, the LM Cultural Resources manager will ensure that contact is made with the appropriate SHPO or THPO to report and confirm an inadvertent discovery of cultural resources.

State or tribal agency: Puerto Rico SHPO

Name: Carlos A. Rubio Cancela

Title: State Historic Preservation Officer

Phone: 787-721-3737

Email: info@prshpo.pr.gov

- [3] For cultural resources, LM or LMS Cultural Resources personnel will assist with identification of the discovered resource along with the SHPO or THPO and tribal representatives. For paleontological resources, they will coordinate with a paleontologist for identification. Identification may include a site visit following any necessary safety protocols. LM or LMS Cultural Resources personnel may also inform the LM site manager or LMS site lead of additional steps to further protect the site.
- [4] For cultural resources, LM consults with federally recognized tribes when not on tribal land by identifying tribes affiliated with the county in which the location is found. In the event that the discovery may be associated with such a tribe, the LM Cultural Resources manager will contact the following tribal personnel (*as applicable*). Provide contact information for additional tribal contacts (*tribe, name, title, phone, email*):
None

Step F. When to Proceed with Work

- [1] For cultural resources, LM or LMS Cultural Resources personnel will work with the SHPO or THPO and affected tribe(s) as needed to adjust the appropriate discovery boundary and where work can continue. For paleontological resources, the LM site manager or LMS site lead will work with a paleontologist and appropriate agencies for the same.
- [2] If fieldwork by an archaeologist or paleontologist is needed, they will provide a technical report (*typically within 90 days*) describing any monitoring or survey. LM would then forward the report to the necessary agencies and the affected tribe(s) (*as needed*) for review.
- [3] Work may continue at the discovery location only after the process outlined in this IDP is followed and the LM Cultural Resources manager and the LM site manager determine that appropriate documentation and compliance with applicable laws is complete.

Section 5—Special Procedures for the Discovery of Human Remains

Any human remains, regardless of antiquity or ethnic origin, will be treated at all times with dignity and respect. For discoveries that are confirmed or suspected human remains, follow these additional steps:

- [1] After notifying the LMS Cultural Resources subject matter expert, immediately contact law enforcement and the medical examiner or coroner. *Do not call 911* unless it is the only number available to you.

Local medical examiner or coroner name: Puerto Rico Forensic Science Institute

Local medical examiner or coroner phone: 787-765-0615

Local sheriff or other law enforcement name (and phone if different from below): Cuartel De Policia De Rincon

Local nonemergency phone number: 787-343-2020

- [2] The medical examiner or coroner (*with assistance by law enforcement*) will determine if the remains are human and if the discovery site constitutes a crime scene.
- [3] *Do not* speak with the media, allow photography or disturbance of the remains, or release any information about the discovery on social media.
- [4] Cover the remains with a tarp or other materials (*not soil or rocks*) for temporary protection and to shield them from being photographed by others or disturbed.



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Further information:

- As the responsible federal agency, LM will have jurisdiction over non-forensic human remains.
- Documentation of human remains and funerary objects would be agreed upon through consultation with the appropriate SHPO or THPO, affected tribe(s), or other responsible party (*law enforcement*).

If the proposed project is on federal or tribal land, LM must follow the NAGPRA provisions.

If the project is on state or private land, the LM Cultural Resources manager will document compliance with applicable local, state, tribal, and federal laws.

Section 6—Organization Responsibility

The LM site manager is responsible for ensuring that:

- This IDP has complete and accurate information.
- This IDP is immediately available to all field staff at the site and available by request to any appropriate party.
- This IDP is handled in accordance with LM's CUI program when it contains CUI.
- This IDP is implemented to address any discovery at the site.
- All applicable field staff, including subcontractors and volunteers, are instructed on how to implement this IDP.

The LM Cultural Resources manager is responsible for ensuring that:

- Proper documentation and field assessments (as needed) are made of all discovered cultural resources in cooperation with all parties: the SHPO or THPO, federal, state, and local agencies (if any), and affected tribes.
- LM is in compliance with all applicable local, state, tribal, and federal laws and regulations for cultural resources and human remains.
- A paleontologist addresses any documentation, field assessment, or regulatory compliance for paleontological resources.

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Proyecto sometido

Usted ha sometido el proyecto número **SHPO-CF-04-20-26-01** a la Oficina Estatal de Conservación Histórica para su evaluación.

Resumen:

Núm. de referencia: **SHPO-CF-04-20-26-01**

Nombre del proyecto: Site Characterization at the BONUS Decommissioned Reactor Site

Descripción del proyecto:

The site characterization is intended to reaffirm the determination of “no radiological contamination” of the parcel including and surrounding the reactor facility. Activities would be limited to administrative work and non-invasive field surveys, with the exception of a radiological scoping survey that would involve collecting soil samples using hand tools. Details are provided in the attached letter.

Costo: \$1,162,000.00

Municipio: Rincón

Fecha de envío para evaluación / Fecha de sometimiento: 20 Apr 2026

Fecha límite para evaluación: 20 May 2026

Para cualquier consulta o saber el estado de la evaluación, visite el portal: www.oechpr.com

Norton, Charity (CONTR)

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Gracias por confiar en nosotros

AGRADECIMIENTO A:



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El Sr. Guillermo L. Martínez Presidente y Director Artístico de CulturArte de Puerto Rico agradece el compromiso de **SARCO** como Auspiciador Diamante de nuestra Temporada 2025-26. Agradecemos a su Presidente & POE el Sr. Juan Antonio Larrea, el respaldar nuestras producciones



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Puede enviar cualquier comentario a la Oficina de Manejo de Legados del Departamento de Energía de EE. UU. escribiendo a 2597 Legacy Way, Grand Junction, Colorado 81503, o por correo electrónico a publicaffairs@lm.doe.gov dentro del plazo de 30 días a partir de la fecha de este aviso.

7 de cada 10 puertorriqueños reconocen a El Nuevo Día como el medio más confiable de Puerto Rico

Fuente: Gaither International Omnibus Nov-Dec 2025

Nos adherimos a los criterios de  **The Trust Project**
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PRE-TRANSLATION DRAFT – Public Notice in English:

The U.S. Department of Energy Office of Legacy Management is partnering with the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to conduct a historic site assessment and site characterization to reaffirm the determination of “no radiological contamination” of the approximately 140-acre parcel surrounding the reactor facility at the Boiling Nuclear Superheater (BONUS) Decommissioned Reactor Site located in the Municipality of Rincón, Puerto Rico. Ground-disturbing activity would be limited to collecting low-density, shallow soil samples using unpowered hand tools. There would be no impacts to the decommissioned BONUS reactor facility or to Punta Higüero Light, which are historic properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the public may comment on the proposed project’s potential to affect historic properties. Historic properties are significant archaeological sites, architectural structures, and other cultural resources that are listed on, or are eligible for listing on, the National Register of Historic Places. For more information about Section 106, visit www.achp.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2017-01/CitizenGuide.pdf.

Please submit any comments to the U.S. Department of Energy Office of Legacy Management by mail to 2597 Legacy Way, Grand Junction, Colorado 81503 or by email to public.affairs@lm.doe.gov within 30 days of the date of this publication.

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