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The majority of the proposed Northeast Reliability Interconnect (NRI) is adjacent to rights-of-way (ROW) that have received previous archaeological investigations. Based on the results of those surveys and data received from the Maine Historic Preservation Commission (MHPC), TRC Environmental Corporation (TRC) submitted a memo to the MHPC describing the proposed effort to investigate potential archaeological resources along the proposed NRI, methods to complete a Phase I archaeological survey, and a table summarizing archaeological testing proposed for the project. In a letter dated September 29, 2004, the MHPC approved the proposed survey methodology for the project. Copies of this correspondence and correspondence with Native American Tribes are provided in Appendix 8-1.

Subsequent to the field effort, TRC prepared a report of the results and recommendations of the archaeological survey and a follow-up report regarding historic structures that were submitted to the MHPC. Based on the results of the cultural resource investigations and a reroute to avoid an historic site, TRC concluded that the proposed NRI will not adversely impact historic sites or structures or archaeological sites. In letters dated January 6, 2005 and January 25, 2005, the MHPC stated that they agreed with the findings of the reports, approved the reroute, and determined that no prehistoric archaeological and historic (architectural or archaeological) properties will be affected by the project. Both reports and the MHPC concurrence letters are provided in Appendix 8-2.

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ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY AND HISTORIC PROPERTIES REPORTS
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**ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY AND
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