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Good morning,

NSF is pleased to submit an update regarding NSF's compliance with the [Programmatic Agreement among the National Science Foundation, the Advisory Council On Historic Preservation, and the Puerto Rico State Historic Preservation Officer Regarding Potential Changes to Arecibo Observatory Operations in the Vicinity of Arecibo,](#)

- **Stipulation I.A.1, 305-meter Telescope Preservation Options Study:** NSF is preparing to conduct this study over the next several months, with the goal of providing a draft of the study to the ACHP, PR SHPO, and the Archaeology Working group in the fall for a 90-day review period.
- **Stipulation I.A.3, Training:** Although this provision will not be implemented until after the 305-meter Telescope Preservation Options Study has been completed and NSF has selected an appropriate option to implement, NSF provided informal training on the Arecibo Historic District and Preservation Plan to the new awardee and contractor managing the site, to enhance their awareness of the significance of the site and historic preservation practices. This training was provided on October 10, 2023.
- **Stipulation II. Documentation of Actions Demonstrating Compliance with this PA:** This provision requires annual updates regarding the progress of compliance with this PA to PR SHPO and ACHP. NSF respectfully submits this written update to document activities that have occurred since the effective date of the PA.
- **Stipulation VI, Reporting:** this status report, and the following status reports, will be posted at https://www.nsf.gov/mps/ast/env_impact_reviews/arecibo/section106/arecibo_section106.jsp, per VI.A. Per VI.B, NSF will invite Signatories to an annual meeting to report on the status of the PA implementation. NSF proposes to hold this meeting in fall or winter of 2024, so that the Signatories may discuss the draft 305-meter Telescope Report. If you wish to meet sooner please let us know.

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