



United States Department of the Interior



FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
New England Field Office
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RE: License Renewal, Millstone Power Station, Units 2 & 3
Waterford, CT

April 15, 2004

Pao-Tsin Kuo
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Dear Mr. Kuo:

I have reviewed your request for information on endangered and threatened species and their habitats for the above-referenced project. The following comments are provided in accordance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) and the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (48 Stat., 401, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 661 et seq.).

The following is a list of federally-protected and candidate species that may be in the vicinity of MPS and the associated transmission lines: the federally-endangered roseate tern (*Sterna dougallii dougallii*) nests on the Atlantic coast/islands, federally-threatened piping plover (*Charadrius melodus*) nests on the Atlantic coast, the federally-threatened puritan tiger beetle (*Cicindela puritana*) is found in Middlesex County, the federally-threatened small whorled pogonia (*Isotria medeoloides*) is found in Hartford/New Haven/Fairfield/New London/Windham/Tolland/Middlesex and Litchfield Counties, and the federally-threatened bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) uses the entire state for migratory/nesting purposes. In addition, the New England cottontail (*Sylvilagus transitionalis*) has been proposed as a candidate for federal listing. The New England cottontail may be found in the vicinity of the MPS and associated transmission lines.

With regard to our concerns under the provisions of the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, we are unable to provide detailed comments on the potential effects of the proposed action on fish and wildlife resources at this time. We will provide further comments after we review the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement.

Thank you for your cooperation and please contact me at 603-223-2541, extension 23, for endangered species questions, and contact Greg Mannesto of our Rhode Island office at 401-364-9124 for any other concerns you might have. In the future, in order to expedite your reply, please direct any inquiries of this nature to this office at the above address.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael J. Amaral". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Michael J. Amaral
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New England Field Office

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