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Dear Ms. Davis:

We have reviewed the draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and request for concurrence, dated February 6, 2006, for Honeywell International, Incorporated's proposed license renewal for their Metropolis Works (MTW) facility in Massac County, Illinois. These comments are provided under the authority of and in accordance with the provisions of the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (48 Stat. 401, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 661 et seq.); and the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended.

According to the information provided, the licensee has no plans to increase facility effluents or emissions, or to expand the facility. The Service concurs that the proposed activity is not likely to adversely affect any known federally listed threatened and endangered species. This precludes the need for further action on this project as required under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. Should this project be modified, or new information indicate listed or proposed species may be affected, consultation or additional coordination with this office, as appropriate, should be initiated.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft Environmental Assessment and provide information concerning threatened and endangered species. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Thomas of my staff at (618) 997-3344, ext. 345.

Sincerely,


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