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Rani Franovich  
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Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Dear Mr. Franovich:

This responds to your recent correspondence requesting information on the presence of federally-listed and/or proposed endangered or threatened species in relation to the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station.

Bald eagles (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) are known to nest less than 1 mile downstream of the plant. No other federally-listed or proposed, threatened or endangered species or critical habitat under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are known to occur in the project area. Preparation of a Biological Assessment or further consultation with us under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act is not required.

Based upon our knowledge, no impacts to the eagles are known to occur at this site that could be attributed to the power station or its transmission lines. This concludes our review of listed species and critical habitat in the project location and environs referenced above. No further Endangered Species Act coordination of this type is necessary for a period of one year from the date of this letter, unless additional information on listed or proposed species becomes available.

We will be providing comments with regard to the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act under separate cover.

Thank you for your coordination. Please contact us at 603-223-2541 if we can be of further assistance. **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,

Michael J. Amaral  
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