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Dear Ms. Franovich,

This is in response to your letter dated November 2, 2007 regarding the FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company's (FENOC) application to renew the operating licenses for Beaver Valley Power Station (BVPS) near Shippingport, Beaver County, Pennsylvania. The BVPS is located on the south Bank of the Ohio River approximately 25 miles northwest of Pittsburgh. Your letter requested information on the presence of federally-protected species and critical habitats recognized by NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) in the vicinity of the BVPS.

No threatened or endangered species under the jurisdiction of NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) are known to exist in the vicinity of the BVPS. Therefore, no consultation pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, is required. Should project plans change or new information become available that changes the basis for this determination, or a new species be listed or critical habitat designated, consultation should be initiated. If you have any questions about these comments, please contact William Barnhill of my staff at (978) 281-9300 ext. 6510 or by email ([William.Barnhill@noaa.gov](mailto:William.Barnhill@noaa.gov)).

Sincerely,

Mary A. Colligah  
Assistant Regional Administrator  
for Protected Resources

cc: Greene, F/NER4

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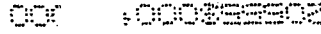
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