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REF: Building remediation, ABB Inc. site, Windsor, CT

June 3, 2009

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Dear Mr. Ragland:

We received your letter (enclosed) requesting an endangered species review in regard to the proposed project identified above.

The New England Field Office has developed measures to streamline the endangered species consultation process and other requests for technical assistance. The information you have requested is available on our website at:

<http://www.fws.gov/northeast/newenglandfieldoffice/EndangeredSpec-Consultation.htm>

Please review these streamlining measures. We are confident they will adequately address your request. For assistance in navigating the website, please contact Phil Leeser at 603-223-2541.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas R. Chapman
Supervisor
New England Field Office

Enclosure

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**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR UPDATED COMMENTS REGARDING
 ENDANGERED/THREATENED SPECIES AND CRITICAL HABITAT FOR
 ONGOING REMEDIATION AT ABB INC.'S CE WINDSOR SITE IN WINDSOR,
 CONNECTICUT**

Dear Mr. Tur:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) staff is requesting the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (USFWS's) updated comments regarding impacts to endangered and threatened species and critical habitat at the ABB Inc. (ABB) CE Windsor site. The 612 acre site is located approximately eight miles north of Hartford, Connecticut, along the Farmington River in the Town of Windsor, Connecticut. This letter is a followup to our letter dated March 15, 2004, (ADAMS Accession No. ML040750172) to which you replied on April 13, 2004. We are soliciting your comments again because ABB requested that ongoing decommissioning activities at the Windsor site be expanded to include ABB remediation of Formally Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) areas which were not originally under the scope of NRC oversight.


ABB, in accordance with NRC regulations, has submitted a license amendment request for NRC approval. ABB provided an Environmental Information Report (ADAMS Accession No. ML080850789), as part of this submittal, which stated that the USFWS continues to identify the dwarf wedgemussel (*Alasmodonta heterodon*) in the Farmington River as a federally-listed or proposed, threatened, or endangered species and that no critical habitat under the jurisdiction of USFWS are known to occur in the project area. The ABB report references a USFWS letter from you to MACTEC Engineering and Consulting, Inc. dated September 5, 2007. As part of our review of the this licensing amendment request and completion of an environmental assessment to assure compliance with NRC's environmental and safety regulations, we want to confirm that this assessment is still current.

Please provide updated comments relative to the existence of endangered and threatened species and critical habitat for the CE Windsor site within 30 days so that they may be fully considered as part of our environmental assessment. If you require additional information, please contact Jim Schmidt at (610) 337-5276.

A. Tur

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randolph C. Ragland Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Randolph C. Ragland Jr., Chief
Decommissioning Branch
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety