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Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2009 2:24 PM
To: ^PNNL NRC South Texas COL
Subject: FW: listed species in TX

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-----Original Message-----
From: Nash, Harriet [mailto:Harriet.Nash@nrc.gov]
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2009 11:35 AM
To: Downs, Janelle L
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No alligator in BA!!

Glad she responded quickly.

From: Moni_Belton@fws.gov [Moni_Belton@fws.gov]
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2009 2:30 PM
To: Nash, Harriet
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Subject: RE: listed species in TX

Harriet,

The American alligator (Alligator mississippiensis) is listed as threatened due to similarity of appearance and as such is not protected under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act. Therefore, for the South Texas Project (STP) you are not required to evaluated effects to this species under section 7. For additional information please review "Similarity of Appearance" and "Effects of Rule" in the Federal Register dated June 4, 1987, page 21062, at http://ecos.fws.gov/docs/federal_register/fr1263.pdf

Could you please send me a status report and proposed time line for the construction of the new units for STP.

Thank you, Moni

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To
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RE: listed species in TX

Sure, sorry about that! STP is the South Texas Project, which is the nuclear power plant in Matagorda County. They've applied for licenses for two new units at the site that already has two existing operating units.

Here's the regional site where I did a search for species in Texas:
http://www.fws.gov/southwest/es/EndangeredSpecies/lists/default.cfm

Here's the main site for the alligator: http://ecos.fws.gov/speciesProfile/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=C000

Thanks,
Harriet

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From: Moni_Belton@fws.gov [Moni_Belton@fws.gov]
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Hello Harriet, haven't spoken to you in a while. Can you remind me which project is STP. Also can you send me the two links to the USFWS websites you are referencing. Thank you, Moni

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Hi Moni,

We're working on the EIS and Biological Assessment (BA) for the STP project. We've found conflicting FWS websites. The HQ ESA page lists the American alligator as threatened. However, the ecoregion page does not list the American alligator at all. We know the American alligator occurs on site at STP so we're assuming that it should be included in the BA. However, now we're wondering which FWS webpage is correct? Is the alligator still listed? Please let me know which webpage is correct and whether the alligator has been delisted....at least for TX.

Thanks,
Harriet

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