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Mr Dennis R Lawyer
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
475 Allendale Road
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RE: Renewal of Dow Chemical Research Reactor 50-264

Dear Mr Dennis R Lawyer:

Thank you for using the Michigan DNR Endangered Species Assessment website. Based on your search criteria it has been determined that federal or state endangered, threatened, special concern species, exemplary natural plant communities, or unique natural features **have been known to occur** near the location specified:

Midland County, T14N R02E Section 22.

Please do not begin project activities until you have received a letter in the mail from this office with further information concerning the determination of a formal endangered species review. A letter will be mailed to the address above within 45 days.

The location of the request was checked against known localities for rare species and high quality natural communities, which are recorded in a statewide database. This continuously updated database is a comprehensive source of information on Michigan's endangered, threatened and special concern species, exemplary natural communities and other unique natural features. Records in the database indicate a qualified observer has documented the presence of special natural features at a site. The absence of records may mean a site has not been surveyed. Records may not always be up-to-date. In some cases, the only way to obtain a definitive statement on the presence of rare species is to have a competent biologist perform a field survey.

Michigan's endangered and threatened species are protected under Part 365 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Act 451 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1994. Federally listed species are protected under the United States Endangered Species Act of 1973. Special concern species, exemplary natural communities and other unique natural features are not legally protected by state or federal endangered species legislation, but they are considered to be rare and should be protected to prevent future listing.

Thank you for your advance coordination in addressing the protection of Michigan's natural resource heritage. Responses and correspondence can be sent to: Endangered Species Review, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Division - Natural Heritage Program, PO Box 30180, Lansing, MI 48909. If you have further questions, please call 517-373-1263 or e-mail DNR-EndangeredSpecies@michigan.gov.

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