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Subject: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION REGARDING THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES AND CRITICAL HABITAT FOR THE PROPOSED LICENSE TERMINATION FOR THE JEFFERSON PROVING GROUND FACILITY
Date: Wednesday, February 18, 2015 1:10:00 PM
Attachments: [NRC Request 1-29-2014.pdf](#)
[FWS Response \(M. Reed\) 2-19-2014.pdf](#)

Dear Ms. Reed,

In February 2014, you replied to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) request for information regarding threatened and endangered species and critical habitat near the former Jefferson Proving Ground (JPG) munitions testing facility in Southeast Indiana near Madison, Indiana. The NRC's initial request dated January 29, 2014, and your response dated February 19, 2014, are attached to this email for your reference. The NRC is in the process of developing a draft environmental impact statement, and requests an update to the information you provided on listed species and critical habitats in the JPG area. After assessing the information provided by you, the NRC staff will determine what additional actions are necessary to comply with the Section 7 consultation process.

Please send your response to me by email at Stephen.Lemont@nrc.gov, or by regular mail at the address shown below. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at my email address or by phone at (301) 415-5163. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Steve Lemont

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January 29, 2014

Mr. Scott Pruitt
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION REGARDING ENDANGERED SPECIES AND
CRITICAL HABITAT FOR THE PROPOSED DECOMMISSIONING AND LICENSE
TERMINATION OF THE JEFFERSON PROVING GROUND FACILITY

Dear Mr. Pruitt:

By letter dated August 28, 2013, the U.S. Department of the Army (Army) submitted to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) a Decommissioning Plan and Environmental Report for NRC source material license SUB-1435. License SUB-1435 is for possession of depleted uranium at the Jefferson Proving Ground (JPG) ordnance testing facility in Southeast Indiana near Madison, Indiana. The Army is requesting the termination of its license under restricted release. The application document is available electronically in NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) as a package document at accession number ML13247A549. ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/reading-rm/adams.html>.

NRC is aware that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has established a National Wildlife Refuge at JPG under a lease agreement with the Army.

Please provide any information that you have concerning the presence of endangered or threatened species or critical habitat in the JPG area. After assessing the information provided by you, the NRC staff will determine what additional actions are necessary to comply with the Section 7 consultation process.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records component of NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

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If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Thomas McLaughlin at (301) 415-5869 or by email at Thomas.McLaughlin@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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License No.: SUB-1435

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Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2014 9:42 AM
To: McLaughlin, Thomas
Subject: Jefferson Proving Ground (JPG) license SUB-1435

Thomas,

We received the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission letter dated January 29, 2014 requesting information on federally listed species or critical habitat present in the JPG area. This request is related to the U.S. Department of the Army's submission for the decommissioning and license termination of the facility.

JPG is within the range of the federally endangered Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*), sheepsnose mussel (*Plethobasus cyphus*), running buffalo clover (*Trifolium stoloniferum*), and the northern long-eared bat (*M. septentrionalis*), a species proposed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act. The sheepsnose mussel is limited to Ohio River. The running buffalo clover is found in disturbed bottomlands and is not known to occur at the site. Extensive mist-net surveys were conducted between 1992 and 2007, capturing Indiana bats and northern long-eared bats at twelve sites within the JPG area. There is no critical habitat for any listed species present in the JPG area.

This endangered species information is provided for technical assistance only, and does not fulfill the requirements of Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act.

Regards,
Marissa

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