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**Reference: Radiological survey and sampling for the remediation of Area 1222 at Picatinny Arsenal, Rockaway Township, Morris County, New Jersey**

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has reviewed the above-referenced proposed project pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) (ESA) ensuring the protection of federally listed endangered and threatened species. The following comments do not address all Service concerns for fish and wildlife resources and do not preclude separate review and comment by the Service as afforded by other applicable environmental legislation.

A known occurrence or potential habitat for the following federally listed or candidate species is located on or near the project's impact area. However, the Service concurs that the proposed project is not likely to adversely affect federally listed or candidate species for the reasons listed below.

Species	Basis for Determination
Indiana bat ( <i>Myotis sodalis</i> ) (endangered)	As described in an August 26, 2016 email, no tree clearing activities will occur.
Northern long-eared bat ( <i>Myotis septentrionalis</i> ) (threatened)	As described in an August 26, 2016 email, no tree clearing activities will occur.
Bog turtle ( <i>Glyptemys muhlenbergii</i> ) (threatened)	Discountable effects - No habitat for this species exists in the footprint of the project.

Except for the above-mentioned species, no other federally listed or proposed threatened or endangered flora or fauna under Service jurisdiction are known to occur within the proposed project's impact area. Therefore, no further consultation pursuant to the ESA is required. If additional information on federally listed species becomes available, or if project plans change, this determination may be reconsidered.

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