

Zion Nuclear Power Station Environmental Assessment for License Termination

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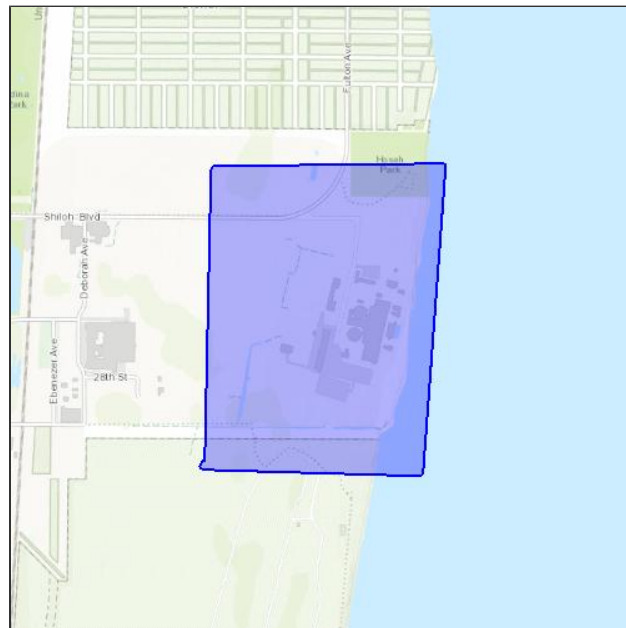
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LOCATION

Lake County, Illinois

DESCRIPTION

ZionSolutions, LLC submitted a license amendment request, pursuant to Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations 50.82(a)(9), to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) dated December 19, 2014, to amend its operating licenses for Zion Nuclear Power Station, Units 1 and 2. The request, if granted, would add a license condition reflecting the NRC's approval of its License Termination Plan (LTP) and incorporation of the LTP into the licenses. Submittal of the LTP is a small part of the decommissioning process, which involves the safe removal of a facility from service and reduction of residual radioactivity to a level that permits termination of the NRC license.



IPAC LINK

<https://ecos.fws.gov/ipac/project/5WJHE-74WKN-HIRFM-ZVSWE-CQZYUE>

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Contact Information

Trust resources in this location are managed by:

Chicago Ecological Service Field Office

230 South Dearborn St., Suite 2938

Chicago, IL 60604-1507

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Endangered Species

Proposed, candidate, threatened, and endangered species are managed by the [Endangered Species Program](#) of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

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[Section 7](#) of the Endangered Species Act **requires** Federal agencies to "request of the Secretary information whether any species which is listed or proposed to be listed may be present in the area of such proposed action" for any project that is conducted, permitted, funded, or licensed by any Federal agency.

A letter from the local office and a species list which fulfills this requirement can only be obtained by requesting an official species list either from the Regulatory Documents section in IPaC or from the local field office directly.

The list of species below are those that may occur or could potentially be affected by activities in this location:

Birds

Piping Plover *Charadrius melodus*

Endangered

CRITICAL HABITAT

No critical habitat has been designated for this species.

http://ecos.fws.gov/tess_public/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=B079

Red Knot *Calidris canutus rufa*

Threatened

CRITICAL HABITAT

No critical habitat has been designated for this species.

http://ecos.fws.gov/tess_public/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=B0DM

Flowering Plants

Eastern Prairie Fringed Orchid *Platanthera leucophaea* Threatened

CRITICAL HABITAT

No critical habitat has been designated for this species.

http://ecos.fws.gov/tess_public/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=Q2GG

Pitcher's Thistle *Cirsium pitcheri* Threatened

CRITICAL HABITAT

No critical habitat has been designated for this species.

http://ecos.fws.gov/tess_public/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=Q276

Insects

Karner Blue Butterfly *Lycaeides melissa samuelis* Endangered

CRITICAL HABITAT

No critical habitat has been designated for this species.

http://ecos.fws.gov/tess_public/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=I00F

Mammals

Northern Long-eared Bat *Myotis septentrionalis* Threatened

CRITICAL HABITAT

No critical habitat has been designated for this species.

http://ecos.fws.gov/tess_public/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=A0JE

Reptiles

Eastern Massasauga (=rattlesnake) *Sistrurus catenatus* Proposed Threatened

CRITICAL HABITAT

No critical habitat has been designated for this species.

http://ecos.fws.gov/tess_public/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=C03P

Critical Habitats

There are no critical habitats in this location

Migratory Birds

Birds are protected by the [Migratory Bird Treaty Act](#) and the [Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act](#).

Any activity that results in the take of migratory birds or eagles is prohibited unless authorized by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.^[1] There are no provisions for allowing the take of migratory birds that are unintentionally killed or injured.

Any person or organization who plans or conducts activities that may result in the take of migratory birds is responsible for complying with the appropriate regulations and implementing appropriate conservation measures.

1. 50 C.F.R. Sec. 10.12 and 16 U.S.C. Sec. 668(a)

Additional information can be found using the following links:

- Birds of Conservation Concern
<http://www.fws.gov/birds/management/managed-species/birds-of-conservation-concern.php>
- Conservation measures for birds
<http://www.fws.gov/birds/management/project-assessment-tools-and-guidance/conservation-measures.php>
- Year-round bird occurrence data
<http://www.birdscanada.org/birdmon/default/datasummaries.jsp>

The following species of migratory birds could potentially be affected by activities in this location:

Acadian Flycatcher <i>Empidonax virescens</i>	Bird of conservation concern
Season: Breeding	
American Bittern <i>Botaurus lentiginosus</i>	Bird of conservation concern
Season: Breeding	
http://ecos.fws.gov/tess_public/profile/speciesProfile.action?sPCODE=B0F3	
Bald Eagle <i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	Bird of conservation concern
Season: Year-round	
http://ecos.fws.gov/tess_public/profile/speciesProfile.action?sPCODE=B008	
Black-billed Cuckoo <i>Coccyzus erythrophthalmus</i>	Bird of conservation concern
Season: Breeding	
http://ecos.fws.gov/tess_public/profile/speciesProfile.action?sPCODE=B0H1	

Black-crowned Night-heron <i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i> Season: Breeding http://ecos.fws.gov/tess_public/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=B0EU	Bird of conservation concern
Blue-winged Warbler <i>Vermivora pinus</i> Season: Breeding	Bird of conservation concern
Cerulean Warbler <i>Dendroica cerulea</i> Season: Breeding http://ecos.fws.gov/tess_public/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=B09I	Bird of conservation concern
Common Tern <i>Sterna hirundo</i> Season: Breeding http://ecos.fws.gov/tess_public/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=B09G	Bird of conservation concern
Dickcissel <i>Spiza americana</i> Season: Breeding	Bird of conservation concern
Golden-winged Warbler <i>Vermivora chrysoptera</i> Season: Breeding http://ecos.fws.gov/tess_public/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=B0G4	Bird of conservation concern
Henslow's Sparrow <i>Ammodramus henslowii</i> Season: Breeding http://ecos.fws.gov/tess_public/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=B09D	Bird of conservation concern
Least Bittern <i>Ixobrychus exilis</i> Season: Breeding http://ecos.fws.gov/tess_public/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=B092	
Loggerhead Shrike <i>Lanius ludovicianus</i> Season: Breeding http://ecos.fws.gov/tess_public/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=B0FY	Bird of conservation concern
Northern Flicker <i>Colaptes auratus</i> Season: Year-round	Bird of conservation concern
Peregrine Falcon <i>Falco peregrinus</i> Season: Breeding http://ecos.fws.gov/tess_public/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=B0FU	Bird of conservation concern
Pied-billed Grebe <i>Podilymbus podiceps</i> Season: Breeding	Bird of conservation concern
Prothonotary Warbler <i>Protonotaria citrea</i> Season: Breeding	Bird of conservation concern
Red-headed Woodpecker <i>Melanerpes erythrocephalus</i> Season: Year-round	Bird of conservation concern
Rusty Blackbird <i>Euphagus carolinus</i> Season: Wintering	Bird of conservation concern

Upland Sandpiper *Bartramia longicauda*

Season: Breeding

http://ecos.fws.gov/tess_public/profile/speciesProfile.action?sPCODE=B0HC

Bird of conservation concern

Wood Thrush *Hylocichla mustelina*

Season: Breeding

Bird of conservation concern

Wildlife refuges and fish hatcheries

There are no refuges or fish hatcheries in this location

Wetlands in the National Wetlands Inventory

Impacts to [NWI wetlands](#) and other aquatic habitats may be subject to regulation under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, or other State/Federal statutes.

For more information please contact the Regulatory Program of the local [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers District](#).

DATA LIMITATIONS

The Service's objective of mapping wetlands and deepwater habitats is to produce reconnaissance level information on the location, type and size of these resources. The maps are prepared from the analysis of high altitude imagery. Wetlands are identified based on vegetation, visible hydrology and geography. A margin of error is inherent in the use of imagery; thus, detailed on-the-ground inspection of any particular site may result in revision of the wetland boundaries or classification established through image analysis.

The accuracy of image interpretation depends on the quality of the imagery, the experience of the image analysts, the amount and quality of the collateral data and the amount of ground truth verification work conducted. Metadata should be consulted to determine the date of the source imagery used and any mapping problems.

Wetlands or other mapped features may have changed since the date of the imagery or field work. There may be occasional differences in polygon boundaries or classifications between the information depicted on the map and the actual conditions on site.

DATA EXCLUSIONS

Certain wetland habitats are excluded from the National mapping program because of the limitations of aerial imagery as the primary data source used to detect wetlands. These habitats include seagrasses or submerged aquatic vegetation that are found in the intertidal and subtidal zones of estuaries and nearshore coastal waters. Some deepwater reef communities (coral or tubercid worm reefs) have also been excluded from the inventory. These habitats, because of their depth, go undetected by aerial imagery.

DATA PRECAUTIONS

Federal, state, and local regulatory agencies with jurisdiction over wetlands may define and describe wetlands in a different manner than that used in this inventory. There is no attempt, in either the design or products of this inventory, to define the limits of proprietary jurisdiction of any Federal, state, or local government or to establish the geographical scope of the regulatory programs of government agencies. Persons intending to engage in activities involving modifications within or adjacent to wetland areas should seek the advice of appropriate federal, state, or local agencies concerning specified agency regulatory programs and proprietary jurisdictions that may affect such activities.

This location overlaps all or part of the following wetlands:

Freshwater Emergent Wetland

[PEMC](#)

[PEMF](#)

Freshwater Forested/shrub Wetland

[PFO/SS1C](#)

[PFO1C](#)

Freshwater Pond

[PUBGx](#)

Lake

[L1UBH](#)

[L2USJ](#)

A full description for each wetland code can be found at the National Wetlands Inventory website: <http://107.20.228.18/decoders/wetlands.aspx>