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Mr. Donald E. Sells
Acting Branch Chief
Environmental Projects Branch 2
Division of Site Safety and
Environmental Analysis
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Sells:

In response to your letter of October 10, 1979, regarding the construction of a nuclear power station near Huron, Ohio and the installation of almost 100 miles of associated transmission corridors, we offer the following information.

Your proposed project is within the known or historic range of the following threatened (T), endangered (E) or proposed (P) species:

Indiana Bat (E)	<u>Myotis sodalis</u>
Bald Eagle (E)	<u>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</u>
Blue Pike (E)	<u>Stizostedion vitreum glaucum</u>

I am also including a list of other federally listed Ohio species that may be of concern in future power facilities development.

There is no designated critical habitat in the project area at this time.

In accordance with the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, the Federal agency responsible for actions authorized, funded, or carried out in furtherance of the project is required to conduct a biological assessment for the purpose of identifying endangered, threatened, or proposed species likely to be affected by the action. If the biological assessment indicates the presence of such species the formal consultation process should be initiated. This can be done by writing to the Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Federal Building, Fort Snelling, Twin Cities, Minnesota 55111.

The biological assessment is to be completed within 180 days of initiation and before contracts are entered into or construction begun.

The assessment should include the following information:

1. The results of the comprehensive survey of the area.

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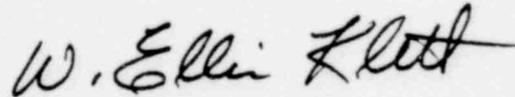
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2. The results of any studies undertaken to determine the nature and extent of any impacts on identified species.
3. The agency's consideration of cumulative effects on the species or its critical habitat.
4. The study methods used.
5. Difficulties encountered in obtaining data and completing the proposed study.
6. Conclusions of the agency including recommendations as to further studies.
7. Any other relevant information.

This letter provides comment only on the endangered species aspect of the project. Comments on other aspects of the project under the authority of and in accordance with the provisions of the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (48 Stat. 401, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 661 et. seq.) may be sent under separate cover.

If there are any questions regarding the biological assessment or how it applies to the consultation process, please contact the Region 3 Endangered Species Office at 612-725-3596.

Sincerely yours,



W. Ellis Klett
Acting Regional Director

Attachment

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LISTED SPECIES

<u>Mammals</u>	<u>Habitat</u>	<u>Distribution</u>
Indiana Bat (E) <u>Myotis sodalis</u>	Caves and Riparian Habitat	Statewide
<u>Birds</u>		
Bald Eagle (E) <u>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</u>	Breeding Wintering	Ashtabula, Erie, Huron Lucas, Ottawa, Sandusky Counties Clermont, Hamilton Counties
<u>Fishes</u>		
Blue Pike (E) <u>Stizostedion vitreum glaucum</u>	Great Lakes	Lake Erie
Scioto Madtom (E) <u>Noturus trautmani</u>	Rivers	Big Darby Creek - Franklin Pickaway, Union Counties
<u>Mussels</u>		
Pink Mucket Pearly Mussel (E) <u>Lampsilis orbiculata orbiculata</u>	Rivers	Ohio and Muskingum Rivers
White Cat's Paw Pearly Mussel (E) <u>Epioblasma obliquata perobliqua</u>	Rivers	St. Joseph River
<u>Plants</u>		
Northern Monkshood (T) <u>Aconitum noveboracense</u>	Talus Slopes	Portage, Summit Counties

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PROPOSED SPECIES

Plants

Northern Reed Grass

Calamagrostis insperata

Pennsylvania Smartweed

Polygonum pennsylvanicum

var. eglandulosum

American Globeflower

Trollius laxus

Habitat

Woody Ravines
Open Grassy
Bluffs

Damp and
Disturbed

Rich Meadows

Distribution

Jackson, Vinton Counties

Erie, Ottawa Counties

Columbiana, Fairfield
Stark Counties