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Docket Nos. 50-458/459

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Dear Mr. Cahill:

Subject: Request for Additional Information - Terrestrial Resources

As a part of the NRC staff's review of your application for an operating license for the River Bend Station, the staff has determined the need for additional information in the area of terrestrial resources. The request for information is included in Enclosure 1.

Please inform NRC Project Manager, Edward Weinkam, of your schedule for response and for clarification or further discussion on this topic.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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Enclosure:  
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Request for Additional Information, River Bend Station Units 1 & 2

Terrestrial Resources

Reference: River Bend Station Environmental Report,  
Operating License Stage

- E290.1 On page 2.2-3 it is stated that 170 acres of the site area permanently affected by construction are classified as prime farmland or farmland of statewide importance. Provide a map of the site identifying the prime farmland and farmland of statewide importance. Also provide in tabular form the total area of prime farmland and the area of farmland of statewide importance onsite and the area of each of the two classifications of farmland permanently affected by plant construction.
- E290.2 Mention is made in various places that natural resources of the River Bend site not needed for energy production will be managed (e. g., Table 2.4-5 certain forest will be maintained in a particular seral stage; page 2.4-9 an effort will be made to retain Needle Lake in a primitive condition, as wood duck habitat; page 2.4-19 deer herds onsite and vicinity are managed). Provide plans for management of these natural resource areas during plant operation.
- E290.3 Page 5.5-2 - The ER-PL Discusses in general terms the potential hazards of transmission lines to birds. However, no mention is made of the special circumstance that Route 1 crosses the

Mississippi River, an important flyway for migratory waterfowl.

Evaluate the potential for bird kills created by this transmission line crossing the Mississippi River.

E290.4 Page 5.6-1 states that vegetation will be encouraged that provides low ground cover, erosion control, improves appearance, wildlife habitat. Since no herbicides will be used, how will such vegetation be encouraged?

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