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Dennis M. Crutchfield
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Dear Mr. Crutchfield:

This responds to your January 25, 1984, letter requesting information on the presence of federally listed or proposed endangered and threatened species in the vicinity of GPU Nuclear Corporation's Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station located in Ocean County, New Jersey. This consultation request is associated with an application by GPU for a full term operating license.

Except for occasional transient species, no federally listed or proposed threatened or endangered species under our jurisdiction are known to exist in the project impact area. Therefore, no Biological Assessments or further Section 7 consultation under the Endangered Species Act (87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) is required with the Fish and Wildlife Service. Should project plans change, or if additional information on listed or proposed species becomes available, this determination may be reconsidered. This response relates only to threatened and endangered species under our jurisdiction. It does not address other Fish and Wildlife Service concerns under the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act or other legislation.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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FEDERALLY LISTED ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES
IN NEW JERSEY

Common Name	Scientific Name	Status	Distribution
<u>FISHES:</u>			
Sturgeon, shortnose*	<u>Acipenser brevirostrum</u>	E	Hudson and Delaware Rivers plus other Atlantic coastal rivers
<u>REPTILES:</u>			
Turtle, green*	<u>Chelonia mydas</u>	T	Oceanic summer visitor coastal waters
Turtle, hawksbill*	<u>Eretmochelys imbricata</u>	E	Oceanic summer visitor coastal waters
Turtle, leatherback*	<u>Dermochelys coriacea</u>	E	Oceanic summer visitor coastal waters
Turtle, loggerhead*	<u>Caretta caretta</u>	T	Oceanic summer resident coastal waters rarely nests: Cape May and Atlantic Counties
Turtle, Atlantic ridley*	<u>Lepidochelys kempii</u>	E	Oceanic summer resident coastal waters
<u>BIRDS:</u>			
Eagle, bald	<u>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</u>	E	Entire state
Falcon, American peregrine	<u>Falco peregrinus anatum</u>	E	Entire state - re-establishment to former breeding range in progress
Falcon, Arctic	<u>Falco peregrinus tundrius</u>	E	Entire state migratory - no nesting
<u>MAMMALS:</u>			
Cougar, eastern	<u>Felis concolor cougar</u>	E	Entire state - probably extinct
Whale, blue*	<u>Balaenoptera musculus</u>	E	Oceanic
Whale, finback*	<u>Balaenoptera physalus</u>	E	Oceanic
Whale, humpback*	<u>Megaptera novaeangliae</u>	E	Oceanic
Whale, right*	<u>Eubalaena</u> spp. (all species)	E	Oceanic
Whale, sei*	<u>Balaenoptera borealis</u>	E	Oceanic
Whale, sperm*	<u>Physeter catodon</u>	E	Oceanic
<u>MOLLUSKS:</u>			
None			
<u>PLANTS:</u>			
Small whorled pogonia	<u>Isotria medeoloides</u>	E	Bergen (Franklin Lakes, Closter), Mercer (Trenton), & Sussex (Montague, Sparta, Hainesville) Counties

*Except for sea turtle nesting habitat, principal responsibility for these species is vested with the National Marine Fisheries Service.