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Julie,

Thank you for this email. NRC agrees with your position regarding missed monitoring days in connection with the COVID-19 pandemic response. In the event that Entergy is unable to reschedule an adequate number of monitoring days because, for instance, the pandemic response continues to limit access for a significant portion of the year, Entergy and/or NRC will notify you so that we can determine the most appropriate path forward that will ensure continued compliance with the biological opinion.

Thank you also for your perspective regarding Entergy's proposed revisions to the sturgeon monitoring program. I will be in touch once I speak with Entergy regarding any further action they may want to take on this, such as the two options you mention in your email: (1) providing NMFS with an alternative monitoring strategy or (2) providing NRC with sufficient information to reinitiate consultation.

Thank you,

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