

Attachment A

Threatened and Endangered Species Correspondence

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- Thomas, J. A., Enercon Services, Inc., to R. C. Watson, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. February 4, 2011.
- Rieck, B. S., Fish and Wildlife Service, Louisiana Ecological Services Office, to J. A. Thomas, Enercon Services, Inc. March 4, 2011.
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- Carney, J., Mississippi Natural Heritage Program, Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks, to J. Thomas, Enercon Services, Inc. February 23, 2011.
- Thomas, J. A., Enercon Services, Inc. to C. Michon, Louisiana Natural Heritage Program, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. February 4, 2011.
- Bass, A., Louisiana Natural Heritage Program, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, to J. A. Thomas, Enercon Services, Inc. February 18, 2011.
- Thomas, J. A., Enercon Services, Inc. to D. Bernhart, NOAA Fisheries Services, Southeast Regional Office, Protected Resources Division. March 4, 2011.
- Bernhart, D., NOAA, National Marine Fisheries Service, to J. A. Thomas, Enercon Services, Inc. June 14, 2011.



February 4, 2011

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SUBJECT: Grand Gulf Nuclear Station
License Renewal Application

Dear Mr. James,

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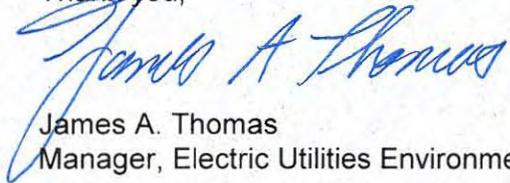
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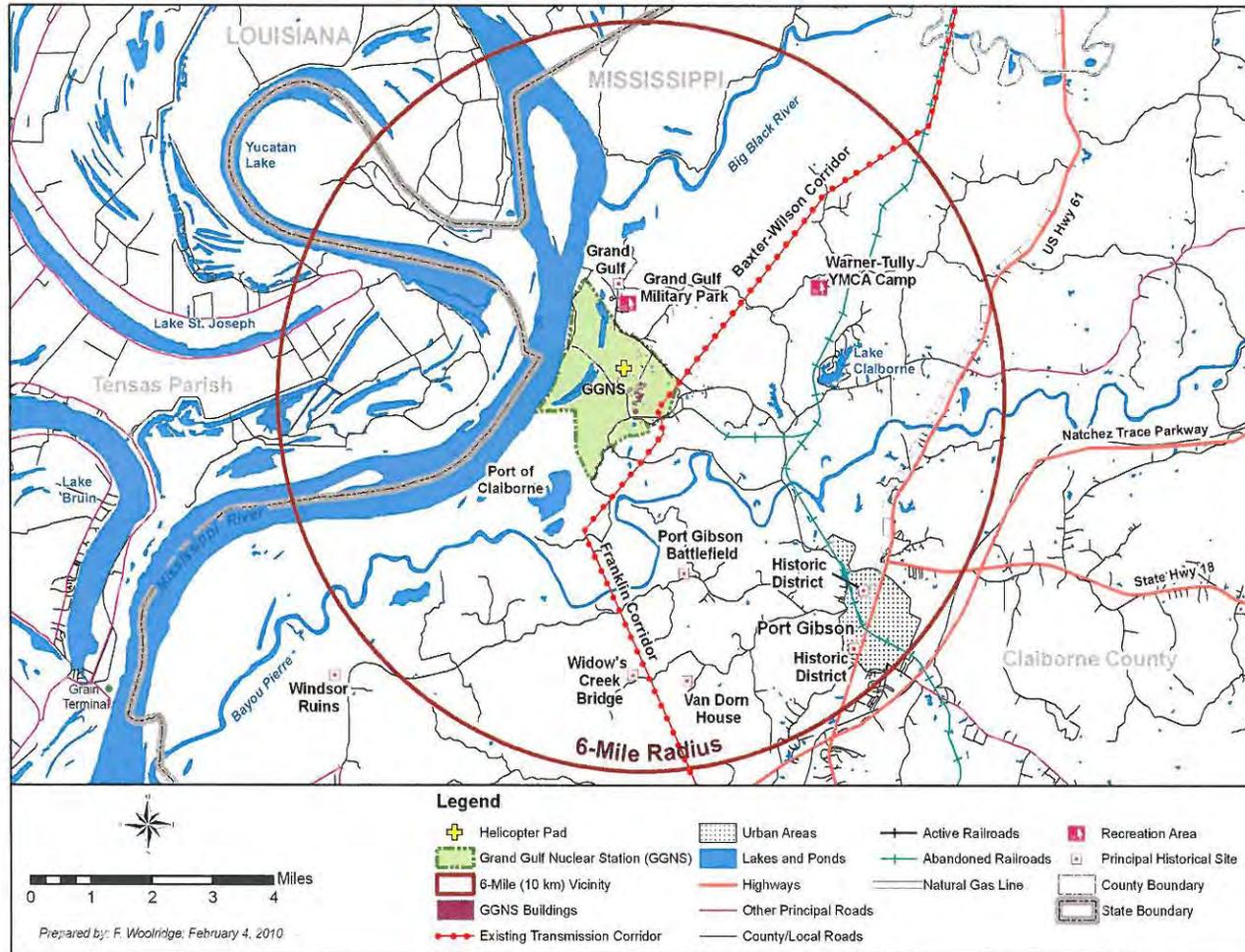
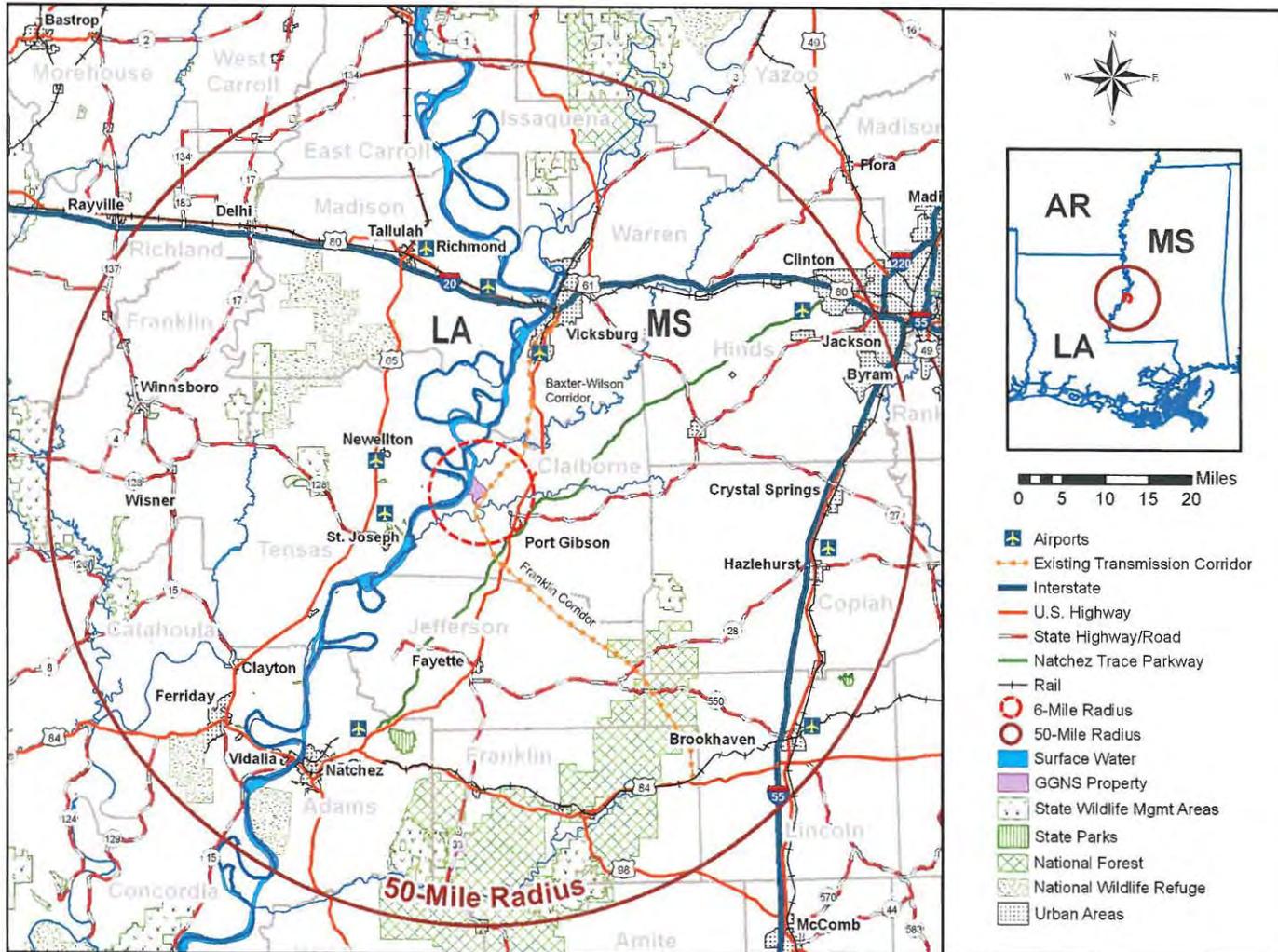


Figure 2

Location of GGNS, 50-Mile Radius Map





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February 23, 2011

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Attn: James Thomas

Dear Mr. Thomas:

The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) received your letter dated February 4, 2011, requesting information on the presence of federal threatened and endangered species, which may be affected by the proposed operating license renewal for the Grand Gulf Nuclear Station (GGNS) located approximately 25 miles south of Vicksburg in Claiborne County, Mississippi. The following comments are provided in accordance with the Endangered Species Act (ESA) (87 Stat. 884, as amended 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

Based on the location and nature of the proposed work, the Service has determined that no federally listed species or their habitats are likely to be "affected" from the proposed license renewal and routine maintenance operations of GGNS. No further consultation under Section 7 of the ESA will be necessary unless the size or location of the project were to change.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Daniel Gregg with this office, telephone: (601) 321-1136.

Sincerely,

For Stephen Ricks
Field Supervisor



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RE: Entergy Operations, Inc. (EOI)
Grand Gulf Nuclear Station

Dear Mr. Watson,

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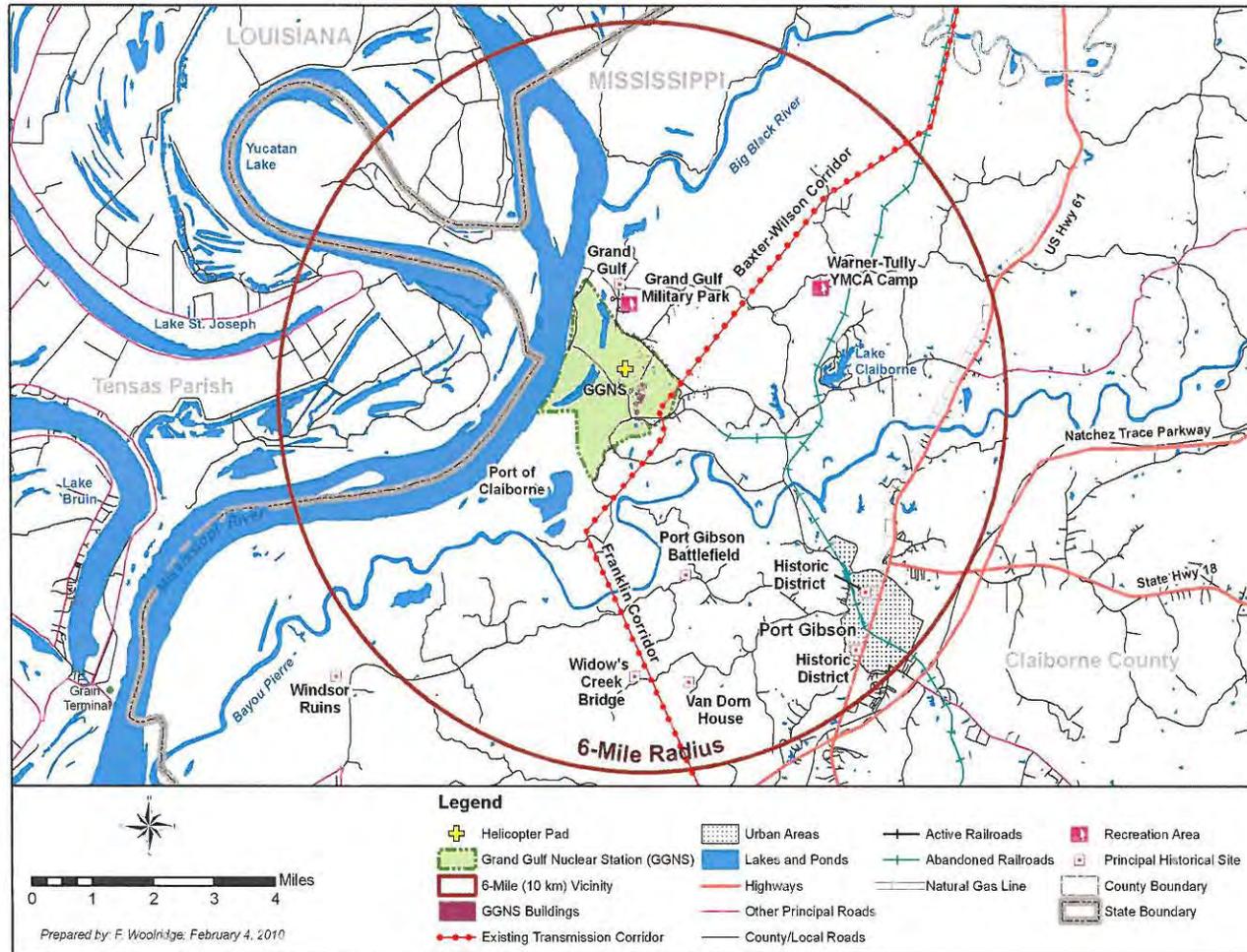
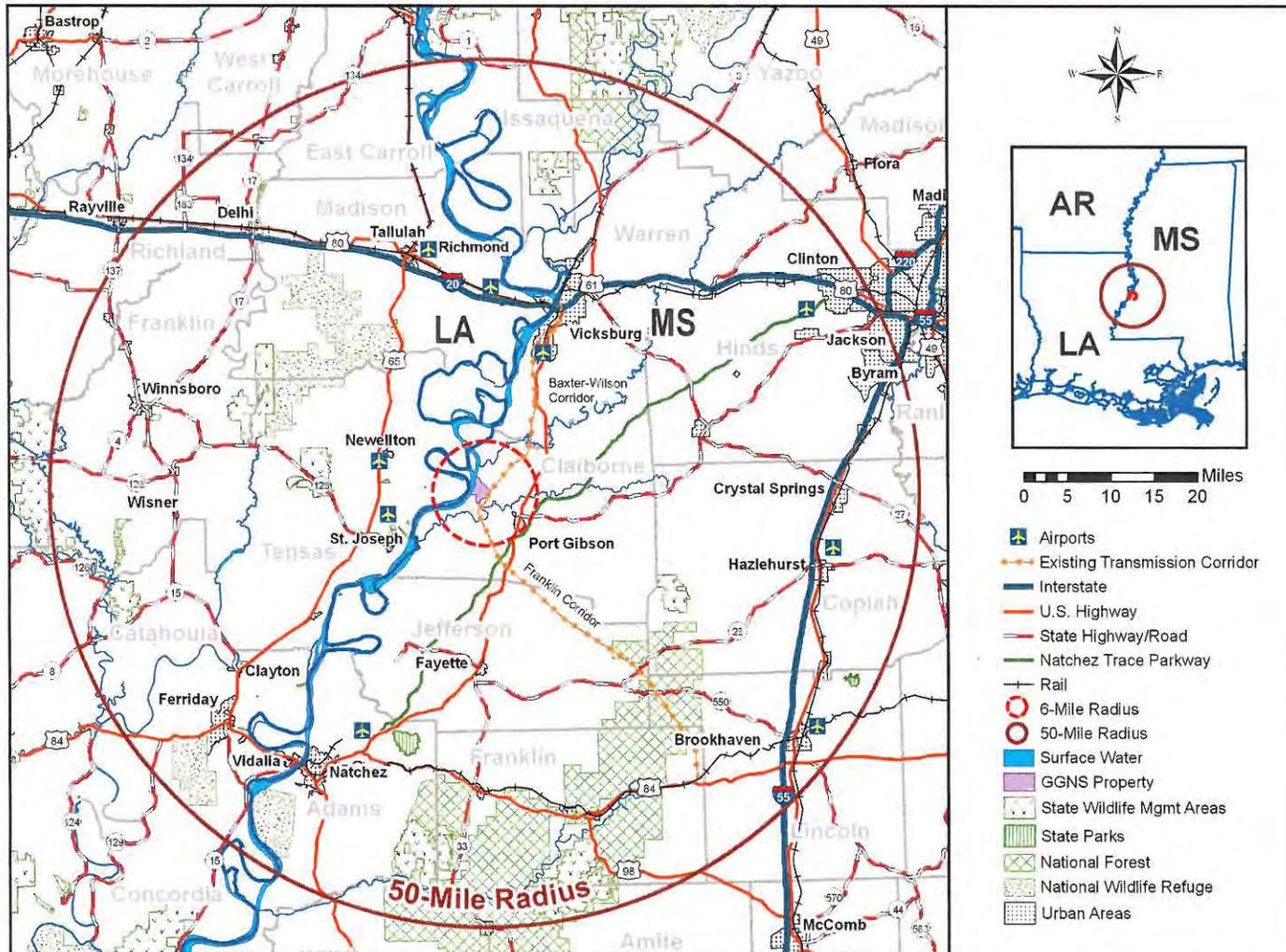


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Dear Mr. Thomas:

Please reference your February 4, 2011, letter, regarding the renewal of an operating license for the Grand Gulf Nuclear Station (GGNS), which is located in Claiborne County, Mississippi. That letter requested our concurrence with your determination that the proposed project is not likely to adversely affect any federally threatened or endangered species. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has reviewed the information you provided, and offers the following comments on the Louisiana portion in accordance with the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.). These comments only pertain to those species that fall under the purview of the Louisiana Ecological Services Office (ESO).

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We appreciate the opportunity to provide these comments. If you need further assistance, please contact Seth Bordelon (337/291-3138) of this office.

Sincerely,

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Louisiana Ecological Services Office

cc: LDWF, Natural Heritage Program, Baton Rouge, LA



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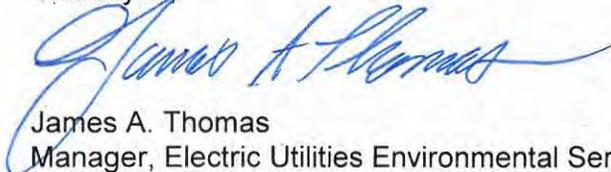
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| <i>Lindera melissifolia</i> | Pondberry | E | E | – | No | No | Yes |

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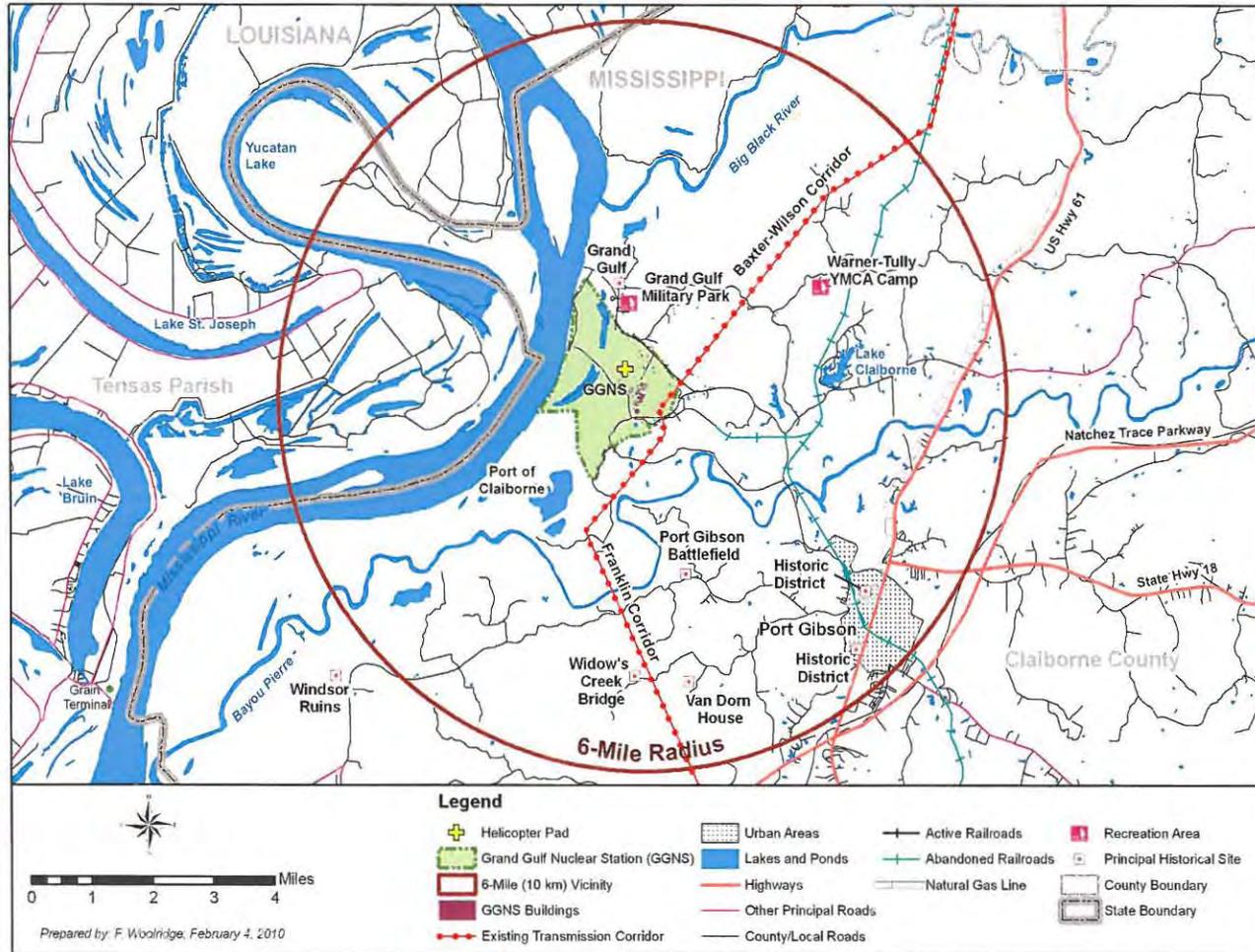
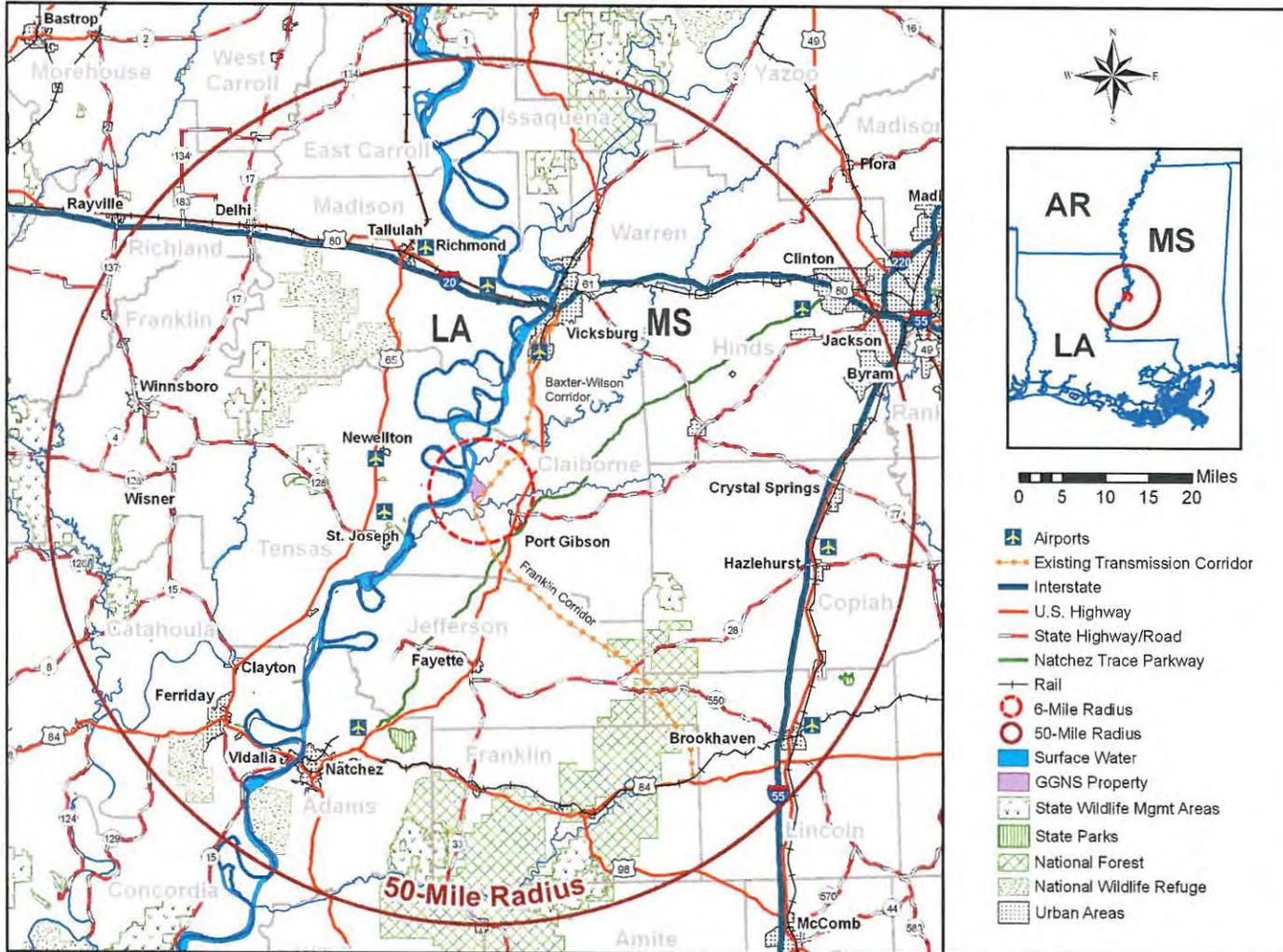


Figure 2

Location of GGNS, 50-Mile Radius Map





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Sam Polles, Ph.D.
Executive Director

February 23, 2011

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Re: Entergy – Grand Gulf Nuclear Station
Operating License Renewal
Claiborne County, Mississippi

R# 8192

To Whom It May Concern,

In response to your request for information dated February 4, 2011, we have searched our database for occurrences of state or federally listed species and species of special concern that occur within 2 miles of the site of the proposed project. Please find our concerns and recommendations below.

| Scientific Name | Common Name | Federal Status | State Status | State Rank |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------|--------------|------------|
| <i>Crystallaria asprella</i> | Crystal Darter | | LE | S1 |
| <i>Scaphirhynchus albus</i> | Pallid Sturgeon | LE | LF | S1 |
| <i>Ursus americanus luteolus</i> | Louisiana Black Bear | LT, SAT | LE | S1 |
| <i>Macrhybopsis meeki</i> | Sicklefin Chub | | | S1 |
| <i>Ursus americanus</i> | Black Bear | PS | LE | S1 |
| <i>Eudocimus albus</i> | White Ibis | | | S2B,S3N |
| <i>Mycteria americana</i> | Wood Stork | PS:LE | LE | S2N |
| <i>Ichthyomyzon castaneus</i> | Chestnut Lamprey | | | S3 |
| <i>Ictiobus niger</i> | Black Buffalo | | | S3 |
| <i>Polyodon spathula</i> | Paddlefish | | | S3 |
| <i>Cycleptus elongatus</i> | Blue Sucker | | | S3 |
| <i>Piethodon websteri</i> | Webster's Salamander | | | S3 |

State Rank

S1 — Critically imperiled in Mississippi because of extreme rarity (5 or fewer occurrences or very few remaining individuals or acres) or because of some factor(s) making it vulnerable to extirpation.

S2 — Imperiled in Mississippi because of rarity (6 to 20 occurrences or few remaining individuals or acres) or because of some factor(s) making it vulnerable to extirpation.

S3 — Rare or uncommon in Mississippi (on the order of 21 to 100 occurrences).

State and Federal Status

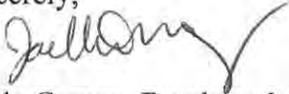
LE Endangered — A species which is in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range.

LT Threatened — A species likely to become endangered in foreseeable future throughout all or a significant portion of its range.

Based on information provided, we conclude that if best management practices are properly implemented, monitored, and maintained (particularly measures to prevent, or at least, minimize negative impacts to water quality), the proposed project likely poses no adverse threat to listed species or their habitats.

Please feel free to contact us if we can provide any additional information, resources, or assistance that will help minimize negative impacts to this area. We are happy to work with you to ensure that our state's precious natural heritage is conserved and preserved for future Mississippians.

Sincerely,



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The Mississippi Natural Heritage Program (MNHP) has compiled a database that is the most complete source of information about Mississippi's rare, threatened, and endangered plants, animals, and ecological communities. The quantity and quality of data collected by MNHP are dependent on the research and observations of many individuals and organizations. In many cases, this information is not the result of comprehensive or site-specific field surveys; most natural areas in Mississippi have not been thoroughly surveyed and new occurrences of plant and animal species are often discovered. Heritage reports summarize the existing information known to the MNHP at the time of the request and cannot always be considered a definitive statement on the presence, absence or condition of biological elements on a particular site.



February 4, 2011

Ms. Carolyn Michon
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SUBJECT: Grand Gulf Nuclear Station
License Renewal Application

Dear Ms. Michon,

In 2011, Entergy plans to apply to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for renewal of the operating license for the Grand Gulf Nuclear Station (GGNS), which is located in Claiborne County, Mississippi on the east bank of the Mississippi River at River Mile 406, approximately 25 miles south of Vicksburg, Mississippi and 37 miles north-northeast of Natchez, Mississippi. The existing license for GGNS was issued for a 40-year term that expires in 2024. If the NRC approves the application, Entergy will then have the option to continue operating GGNS until 2044. In conjunction with this effort, Enercon is gathering information on Entergy's behalf relative to this license renewal project.

The NRC requires that the license renewal application for GGNS include an environmental report assessing potential environmental impacts from operation during the license renewal term. One of these potential environmental impacts would be the effect of license renewal on threatened or endangered species located on the GGNS site, its immediate environs (6-mile radius), and transmission line corridors routed to connect the plant to the existing transmission system. Accordingly, the NRC requires that the environmental report for each license renewal application assess such a potential effect (10 CFR 51.53). Later, during its review of the license renewal environmental report pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the NRC may request information from your office to ensure compliance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act.

Enercon is contacting you now in order to obtain input regarding issues that may need to be addressed in the GGNS license renewal environmental report, and to assist Entergy in identifying any information your staff believes would be helpful to expedite NRC's review.

The 2,100 acre GGNS site consists primarily of woodlands and former farms as well as two lakes, Hamilton Lake and Gin Lake (see Figure 1). The land in the vicinity of the

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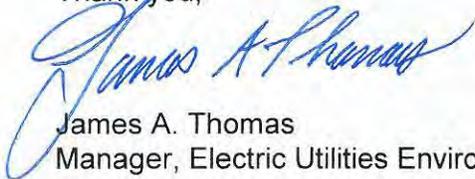
GGNS site is mostly rural. There are two transmission corridors containing a single-circuit 500-kV transmission lines that connect the GGNS site to the regional electricity grid (see Figure 2). These transmission corridors are considered by the NRC to be within the scope of its environmental reviews for the GGNS license renewal. Entergy's Transmission group owns and operates these two lines. The total length of the two corridors is approximately 66 miles, and cross Claiborne, Warren, Jefferson and Franklin Counties in Mississippi.

Based on a review of information available and previous consultations, Enercon has included Table 1 which lists federally- or state-listed threatened or endangered species within the vicinity of GGNS and the transmission corridors. However, Entergy does not expect GGNS operations during the license renewal term (an additional 20 years) to adversely affect threatened or endangered species at the station site, the immediate environs, or the transmission line corridors because license renewal will not alter existing operations. There are no plans to alter current operations during the 20-year license renewal period, and any maintenance activities necessary to support continued operation of GGNS will be limited to currently developed areas of the site. Although administrative procedural controls are in place to comply with applicable state and federal laws to preserve biological resources when facility expansion or land disturbance activities occur, no expansion is planned or needed in support of license renewal. In addition, Entergy's Transmission group has established maintenance procedures for transmission lines that involve minimal disturbance of land, wetlands, and streams and are protective of threatened or endangered species.

After your review of the information provided in this letter, I would appreciate you sending a letter detailing any concerns you have about potential impacts to threatened or endangered species or critical habitat in the area of GGNS or along the associated transmission corridors, or alternatively, confirming our conclusion that threatened or endangered species will not be adversely affected as a result of renewing the GGNS operating license for an additional 20 years. Entergy will include copies of this letter and your response in the environmental report submitted to the NRC as part of the GGNS license renewal application.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (918) 665-7693 or through my email address, jthomas@enercon.com. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Thank you,



James A. Thomas
Manager, Electric Utilities Environmental Services

Attachment – 6-Mile Map

cc: Rick Buckley (Entergy)

Table 1

Federal and State-Listed Species

| <u>Scientific Name</u> | <u>Common Name</u> | <u>Federal Status</u> | <u>MS Status</u> | <u>LA Status</u> | <u>On-Site</u> | <u>Vicinity (6-mile)</u> | <u>Transmission ROW</u> |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| <u>Mammals</u> | | | | | | | |
| <i>Puma concolor coryi</i> | Florida Panther | E | E | E | No | No | No |
| <i>Ursus americanus luteolus</i> | Louisiana Black Bear | T | E | T | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| <i>Ursus americanus</i> | American Black Bear | T | E | — | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| <u>Birds</u> | | | | | | | |
| <i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i> | Bald Eagle | — | E | E | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| <i>Mycteria americana</i> | Wood Stork | E | E | — | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| <i>Sterna antillarum athalassos</i> | Interior Least Tern | E* | E* | E | No | Yes | Yes |
| <i>Picoides borealis</i> | Red-Cockaded Woodpecker | E | E | — | No | No | Yes |
| <i>Eudocimus albus</i> | White Ibis | — | S2, S3 | — | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| <u>Reptiles</u> | | | | | | | |
| <i>Alligator mississippiensis</i> | American Alligator | T (S/A) | — | — | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| <u>Fish</u> | | | | | | | |
| <i>Scaphirhynchus albus</i> | Pallid Sturgeon | E | E | E | Yes | Yes | No |
| <i>Etheostoma rubrum</i> | Bayou Darter | T | E | — | No | Yes | No |
| <i>Crystallaria asprella</i> | Crystal Darter | — | E | — | Yes | Yes | No |
| <i>Macrhybopsis meeki</i> | Sicklefin Chub | — | S1 | — | Yes | Yes | — |
| <u>Macroinvertebrates</u> | | | | | | | |
| <i>Potamilus capax</i> | Fat Pocketbook Mussel | E | E | — | No | No | Yes |
| <i>Quadrula cylindrica</i> | Rabbitsfoot Mussel | CS | — | — | No | Yes | Yes |

Table 1 (Continued)

Federal and State-Listed Species

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|-----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| <u>Insects</u> | | | | | | | |
| <i>Epitheca spinosa</i> | Robust Baskettail | - | S1 | - | Yes | Yes | - |
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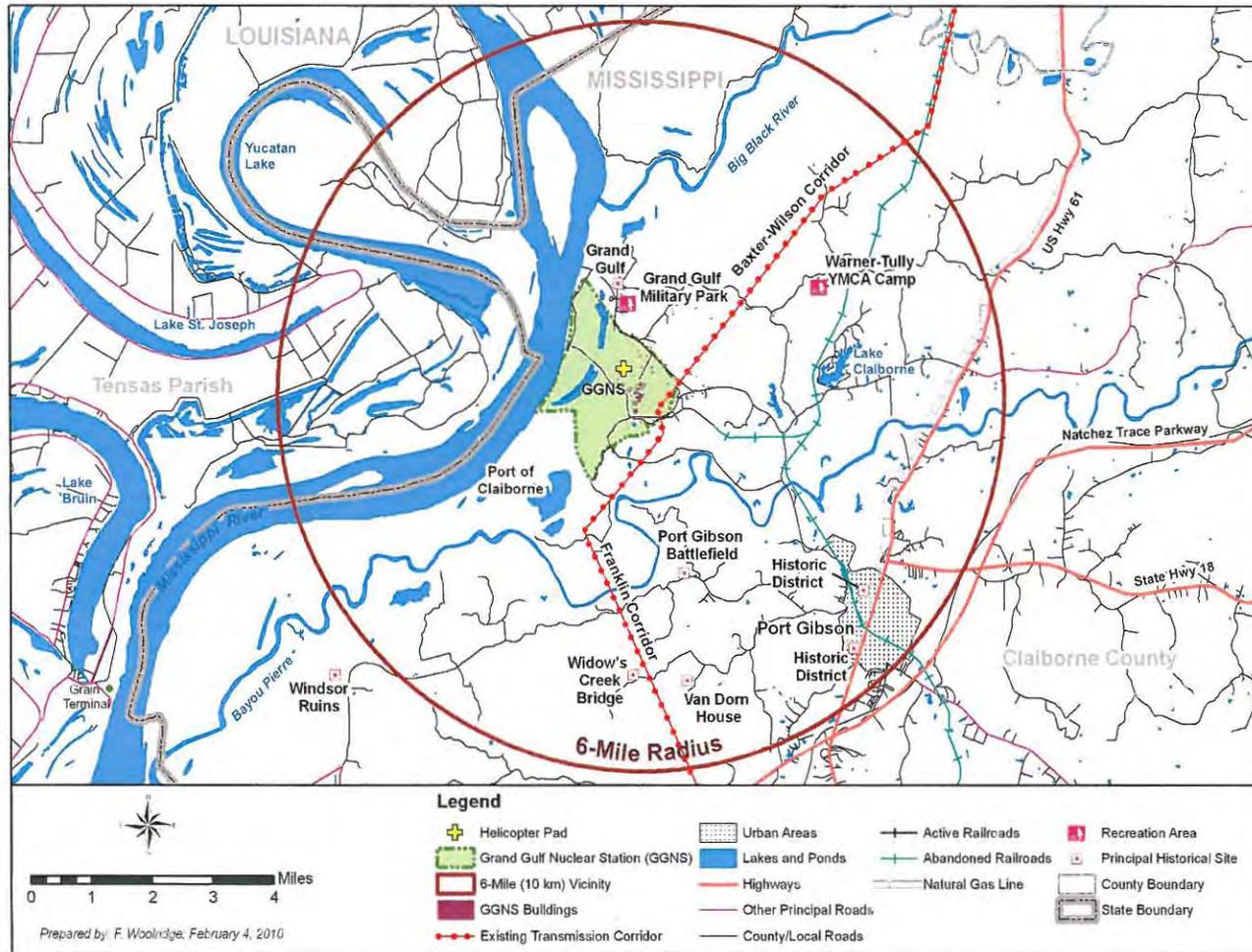
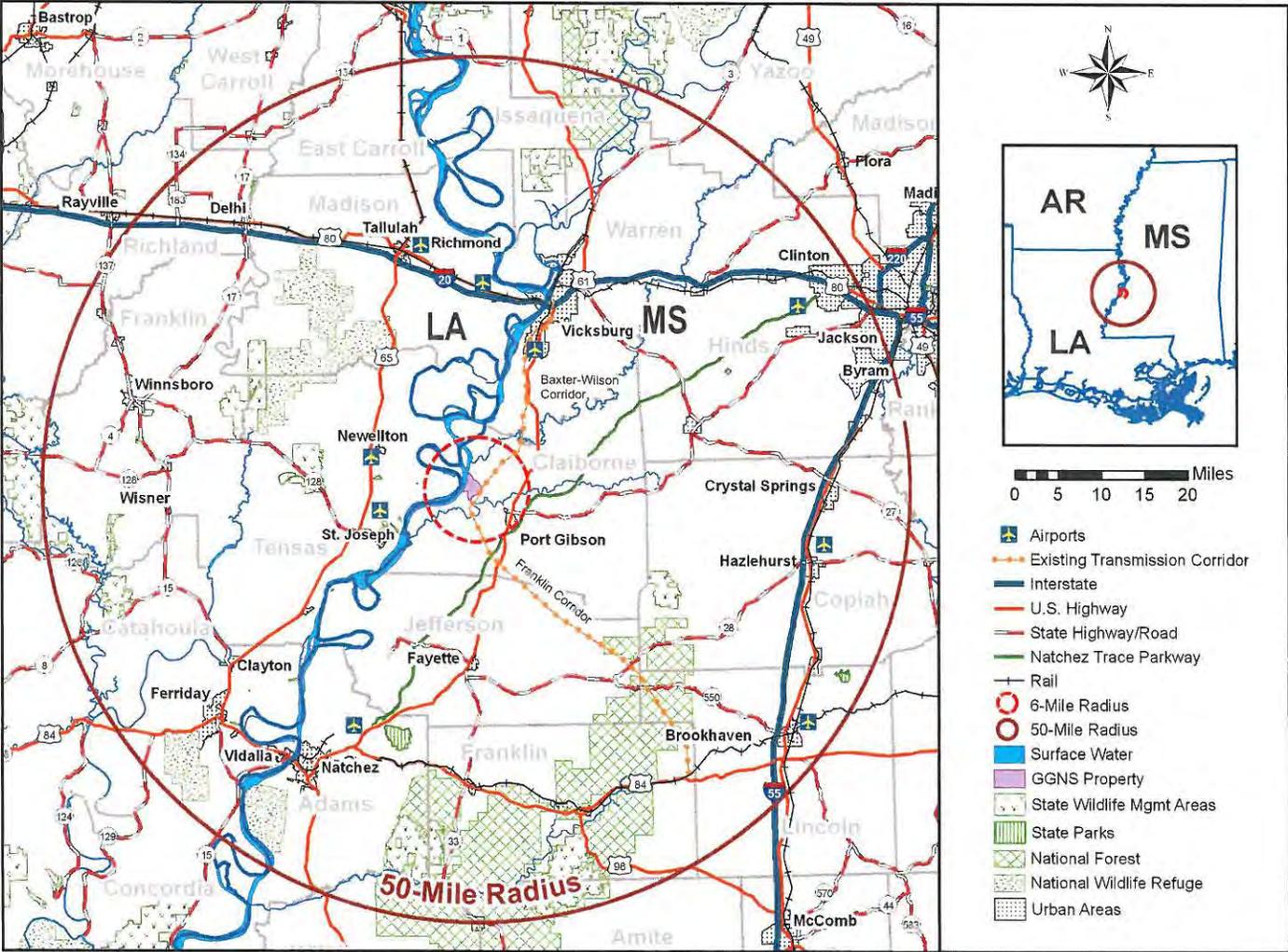


Figure 2

Location of GGNS, 50-Mile Radius Map





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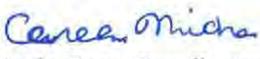
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Project Grand Gulf Nuclear Station
License Renewal Application
Project ID 572011
Invoice Number 11021805

Personnel of the Habitat Section of the Coastal & Non-Game Resources Division have reviewed the preliminary data for the captioned project. After careful review of our database, no impacts to rare, threatened, or endangered species or critical habitats are anticipated for the proposed project. No state or federal parks, wildlife refuges, scenic streams, or wildlife management areas are known at the specified site within Louisiana's boundaries.

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Sincerely,


for Amity Bass, Coordinator
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March 4, 2011

Mr. David Bernhart
Assistant Regional Administrator
NOAA Fisheries Service
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RE: Grand Gulf Nuclear Station
License Renewal Application

Dear Mr. Bernhart,

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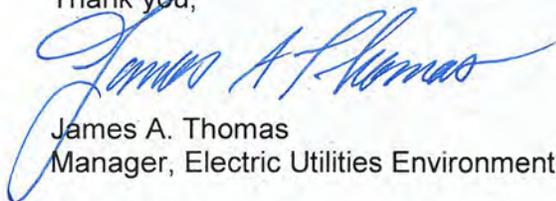
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Based on a review of information available, Enercon did not identify any threatened and endangered species or designated critical habitats under the jurisdiction of the NOAA fisheries service at the station site, the immediate environs, or the transmission line corridors (see Figures 1 and 2). However, even in the absence of these species or designated critical habitats, Entergy does not expect GGNS operations during the license renewal term to adversely affect any threatened and endangered species or critical habitats since there are no plans to alter current operations during the 20-year license renewal period, and any maintenance activities necessary to support continued operation of GGNS would be limited to currently developed areas of the site. Although administrative procedural controls are in place to comply with applicable state and federal laws to preserve biological resources when facility expansion or land disturbance activities do occur, no expansion is planned or needed in support of license renewal. In addition, Entergy's Transmission group has established maintenance procedures for transmission lines that involve minimal disturbance of land, wetlands, and streams and are protective of threatened and endangered species, and designated critical habitats when present.

After your review of the information provided in this letter, I would appreciate you sending a letter detailing any concerns you may have about potential impacts as a result of license renewal to threatened and endangered species or designated critical habitat under your jurisdiction on the GGNS property, immediate environs, or along the transmission line corridors, or alternatively, confirming our conclusion that no species or habitats under the jurisdiction of NOAA exists, and thereby no associated impacts. Entergy will include copies of this letter and your response in the environmental report submitted to the NRC as part of the GGNS license renewal application.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (918) 665-7693 or through my email address, jthomas@enercon.com. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

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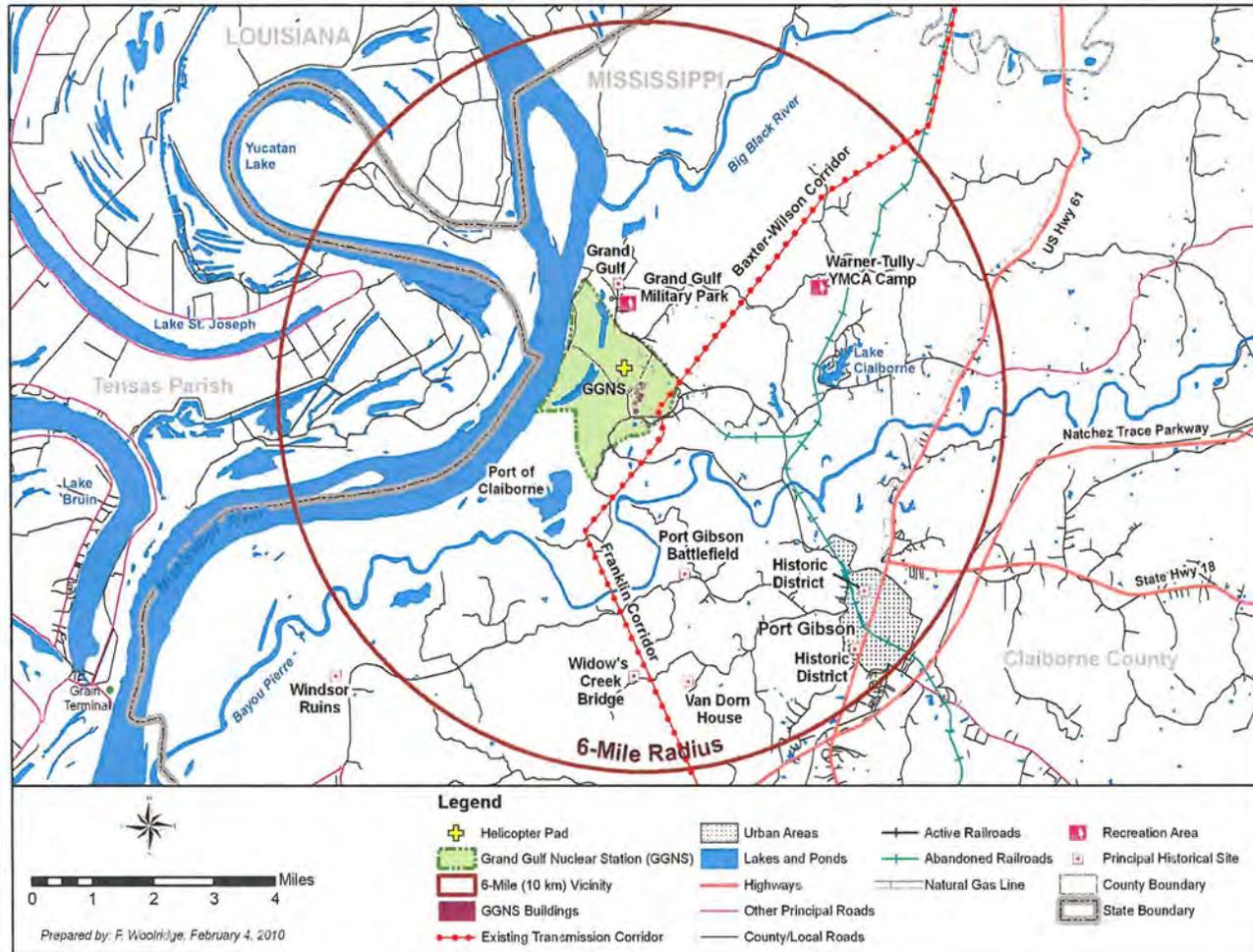
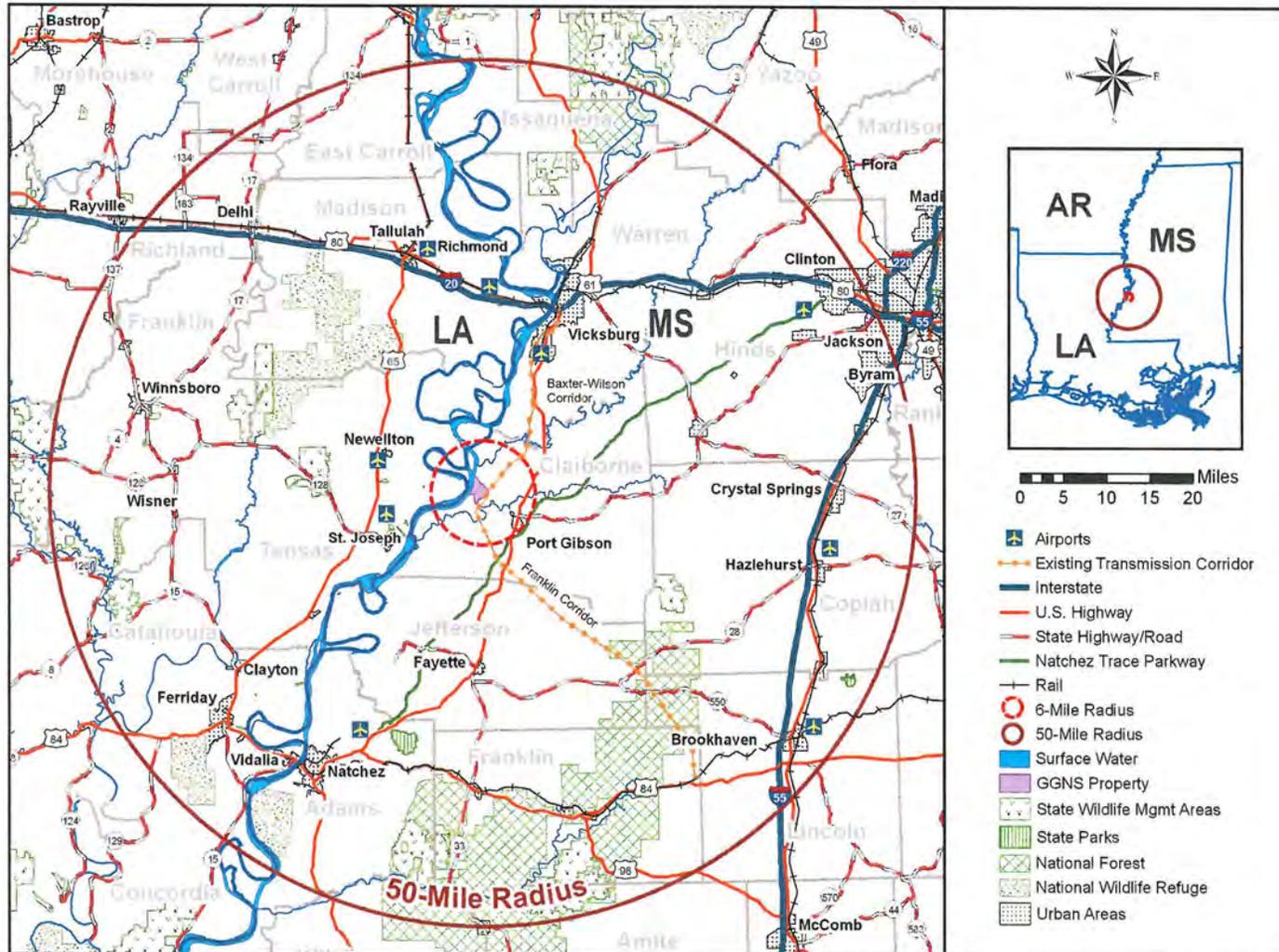


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Dear Mr. Thomas:

This is in response to your letter, received by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) on March 4, 2011, regarding the operating license renewal for the Grand Gulf Nuclear Station near Port Gibson, Mississippi. The current 40-year operating license expires in 2024. Enercon is gathering information on Entergy's behalf relative to this license renewal project.

The Gulf sturgeon (*Acipenser oxyrinchus desotoi*) was listed jointly by NMFS and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) as threatened on September 30, 1991 (56 FR 49653). Gulf sturgeon are known to inhabit the Mississippi River and have been collected upstream of the project site in the region of Vicksburg, Mississippi¹. The project area is not within designated Gulf sturgeon critical habitat (50 CFR 226.214).

Pursuant to the jurisdictional responsibilities outlined in the final rule designating Gulf sturgeon critical habitat (68 FR 13400), the USFWS would be the lead agency for activities on the Mississippi River. Therefore, consultation regarding potential impacts to Gulf sturgeon from the license renewal of the Grand Gulf Nuclear Station should be coordinated with Karen Harrington, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1601 Balboa Avenue, Panama City, Florida 32405-3721 (tel:850/769-0552).



Thank you for providing the opportunity to provide comments on the project. We look forward to further cooperation with you on other projects to ensure the conservation of our threatened and endangered marine species and designated critical habitat. If you have any questions, please contact Nicole Bailey, ESA Consultant, at (727) 824-5336, or by e-mail at Nicole.Bailey@noaa.gov.

Sincerely,



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Assistant Regional Administrator
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¹ Ross, S.T. 2001. The Inland Fishes of Mississippi. University Press of Mississippi, Jackson.