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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Mr. Jack R. Craig, Director
Fernald Environmental Management Project (FEMP)
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Dear Mr. Craig:

This responds to your February 27, 1995, letter requesting our concurrence on the findings of FEMP's species surveys at your Department's Fernald property in Hamilton County, Ohio. The seven species reports enclosed with your letter described survey results for the Federally endangered Indiana bat (Myotis sodalis) and Running buffalo clover (Trifolium stoloniferum), plus State-listed species (mountain bindweed, Polygonum cilinode); slender fingergrass (Digitaria filiformis); cave salamander, Eurycea lucifuga; spring coralroot (Corallorhiza wisteriana; and Sloan's crayfish, Orconectes sloanii). Based on the reports provided, we concur with FEMP's findings. In particular, we agree with the Indiana bat management recommendations written by Mr. Whitaker in the FEMP Indiana bat survey report.

At this time, it appears a meeting to discuss management and mitigation of the above species may not be necessary in lieu of phone calls and office review of proposed mitigation/management plans. However, if you still desire a meeting, we recommend that biologists from the Ohio Division of Wildlife and Ohio Division of Natural Areas and Preserves be included. If we can be of further assistance, please contact endangered species biologist Buddy B. Fazio at this office.

Sincerely,

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Supervisor

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