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**THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES SURVEY AND WETLAND
MITIGATION APPROACH AND INFORMATION - (ATTACHED SURVEYS
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May 2, 1995

Fernald Environmental Management Project
Letter No. C:EC(NRM):95-0005

Mr. Don Henne
U.S. Department of Interior
Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance
U.S. Custom House, Room 217
200 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106

Dear Mr. Henne:

**THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES SURVEY AND WETLAND MITIGATION APPROACH
INFORMATION**

Enclosed for your information are copies of the threatened and endangered species reports for surveys completed in 1993-94 on the Fernald property. These reports were recently sent to the appropriate regulatory agencies for review and concurrence. I have included two letters of concurrence received from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

I have also included a copy of the wetland mitigation approach recently submitted to the appropriate regulatory agencies. We anticipate having a meeting with the these agencies in the near future to establish a path forward. As you may recall, we agreed during one of the last Trustee teleconferences to forward this information to you once the reports were completed. The points of contact for these areas are Craig Straub at (513) 738-6725 for wetland issues and me at (513) 738-9305 for threatened and endangered species issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rebecca Bixby".

Rebecca Bixby
Technical Program Specialist II

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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March 9, 1995

Mr. Jack R. Craig, Director
Fernald Environmental Management Project (FEMP)
Department of Energy
P.O. Box 538705
Cincinnati, Ohio 45253-8705

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,

Kent E. Kroonemeyer
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Supervisor

cc: DOW, Wildlife Environmental Section, Columbus, OH
ODNR, Division of Real Estate and Land Management, Columbus, OH
Ohio Division of Natural Areas and Preserves, Columbus, OH
Ohio EPA, Water Quality Monitoring, Attn: G.Hesse, Columbus, OH
US EPA, Office of Environmental Review, Chicago, IL

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March 21, 1995

Jack R. Craig, Director
Fernald Environmental Management Project
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P.O. Box 538705
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Dear Mr. Craig:

I have reviewed the seven rare species survey reports you sent for the DOE Fernald environmental management project area in Hamilton and Butler counties (Shandon U.S.G.S. quad). We concur with the findings in these reports and particularly support the recommendations for Indiana bat habitat management.

We do not believe a meeting is necessary at this time, but would like to be kept informed as you develop a management plan for the Fernald site. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to review these documents. Please contact me if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

Patricia D. Jones

Patricia D. Jones
Data Management Supervisor
Division of Natural Areas & Preserves

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