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SUBJECT: SECTION 7 CONSULTATION, REQUEST FOR CONCURRENCE ON U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION'S (NRC) DETERMINATION OF EFFECTS ON FEDERALLY-LISTED SPECIES AND THEIR CRITICAL HABITATS FOR THE PROPOSED LICENSE RENEWAL OF HONEYWELL'S METROPOLIS WORKS FACILITY

Dear Ms. Collins:

Honeywell International, Inc. (Honeywell) has submitted a license renewal application to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to continue operations at their Metropolis Works (MTW) facility in Massac County, near Metropolis, Illinois. The NRC has developed a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) in conjunction with the review of this license renewal application. The MTW site is located approximately one mile northwest of the Metropolis city limits, along the northern bank of the Ohio River and can be located on the U.S. Geological Survey **Joppa Quadrangle**. The location of the facility is depicted in Figure 1.1 of the draft EA. **The licensee has no plans to increase facility effluents or emissions, or to expand the facility beyond the existing 54-acre, fenced, restricted area within the 1,000 acre site.**

After development of the draft EA and a review of the potential impacts of the proposed action, the NRC staff has determined that the proposed action is "not likely to adversely affect" any endangered or threatened species or critical habitat within the area of influence for the proposed action. The supporting basis for this conclusion is the draft EA, a copy of which is enclosed to facilitate your review. Please refer to EA Sections 3.7.3 and 4.1.1.1 for the assessment of impacts on threatened and endangered species. We request your concurrence with the NRC's determination of "not likely to adversely affect" any listed species or their critical habitat within 30 days from the date of this letter as we will be concluding our review.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's document system (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

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If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Neil Haggerty of my staff by telephone at (301) 415-5196, or by e-mail at nxh3@nrc.gov. Written response can be provided to: B. Jennifer Davis, c/o Document Control Desk, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Mailstop T-7J08, Washington DC, 20555-0001. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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