

January 29, 2014

Mr. Scott Pruitt
U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service
620 Walker Street
Bloomington, Indiana 47403

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION REGARDING ENDANGERED SPECIES AND
CRITICAL HABITAT FOR THE PROPOSED DECOMMISSIONING AND LICENSE
TERMINATION OF THE JEFFERSON PROVING GROUND FACILITY

Dear Mr. Pruitt:

By letter dated August 28, 2013, the U.S. Department of the Army (Army) submitted to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) a Decommissioning Plan and Environmental Report for NRC source material license SUB-1435. License SUB-1435 is for possession of depleted uranium at the Jefferson Proving Ground (JPG) ordnance testing facility in Southeast Indiana near Madison, Indiana. The Army is requesting the termination of its license under restricted release. The application document is available electronically in NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) as a package document at accession number ML13247A549. ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/reading-rm/adams.html>.

NRC is aware that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has established a National Wildlife Refuge at JPG under a lease agreement with the Army.

Please provide any information that you have concerning the presence of endangered or threatened species or critical habitat in the JPG area. After assessing the information provided by you, the NRC staff will determine what additional actions are necessary to comply with the Section 7 consultation process.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records component of NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

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If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Thomas McLaughlin at (301) 415-5869 or by email at Thomas.McLaughlin@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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