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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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Albert Schwencer, Chief  
Licensing Branch No. 2  
Division of Licensing  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Schwencer:

Thank you for your June 29, 1983 invitation to participate in a site inspection for the Hope Creek Generating Station, Lower Alloways Township, Salem County, New Jersey, during the week of July 25, 1983. Regretfully, a representative of the Service's Division of Ecological Services is unable to attend. However, Mr. Joseph Miller, Leader of the Service's Delaware River Basin Anadromous Fishery Project, P.O. Box 95, Rosemont, New Jersey 08556 (609-397-0115) may be interested in attending.

Regarding endangered species, except for occasional transient species, no federally listed or proposed endangered or threatened species under our jurisdiction are known to exist in the project area. Therefore, no Biological Assessment or further Section 7 consultation under the Endangered Species Act (87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) is required with the Service. Should project plans change, or if additional information becomes available, this determination may be reconsidered. A list of federally designated endangered and threatened species New Jersey is enclosed for your information.

Sincerely,

Michael T. Chezik  
Acting Field Supervisor

Enclosure

FEDERALLY LISTED ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES  
IN NEW JERSEY

Common Name	Scientific Name	Status	Distribution
<u>FISHES:</u>			
Sturgeon, shortnose*	<u>Acipenser brevirostrum</u>	E	Hudson and Delaware Rivers plus other Atlantic coastal rivers
<u>REPTILES:</u>			
Turtle, green*	<u>Chelonia mydas</u>	T	Oceanic summer visitor coastal waters
Turtle, hawksbill*	<u>Eretmochelys imbricata</u>	E	Oceanic summer visitor coastal waters
Turtle, leatherback*	<u>Dermochelys coriacea</u>	E	Oceanic summer visitor coastal waters
Turtle, loggerhead*	<u>Caretta caretta</u>	T	Oceanic summer resident coastal waters rarely nests: Cape May and Atlantic Counties
Turtle, Atlantic ridley*	<u>Lepidochelys kempii</u>	E	Oceanic summer resident coastal waters
<u>BIRDS:</u>			
Eagle, bald	<u>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</u>	E	Entire state
Falcon, American peregrine	<u>Falco peregrinus anatum</u>	E	Entire state - re-establishment to former breeding range in progress
Falcon, Arctic	<u>Falco peregrinus tundrius</u>	E	Entire state migratory - no nesting
<u>MAMMALS:</u>			
Cougar, eastern	<u>Felis concolor cougar</u>	E	Entire state - probably extinct
Whale, blue*	<u>Balaenoptera musculus</u>	E	Oceanic
Whale, finback*	<u>Balaenoptera physalus</u>	E	Oceanic
Whale, humpback*	<u>Megaptera novaeangliae</u>	E	Oceanic
Whale, right*	<u>Eubalaena spp. (all species)</u>	E	Oceanic
Whale, sei*	<u>Balaenoptera borealis</u>	E	Oceanic
Whale, sperm*	<u>Physeter catodon</u>	E	Oceanic
<u>MOLLUSKS:</u>			
None			
<u>PLANTS:</u>			
Small whorled pogonia	<u>Isotria medeoloides</u>	E	Bergen (Franklin Lakes, Closter), Mercer (Trenton), and Sussex (Montague, Sparta, Hainesville) Counties

\*Except for sea turtle nesting habitat, principal responsibility for these species is vested with the National Marine Fisheries Service.