



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

(AR-18J)

Richard Nelson, Field Supervisor
Rock Island Illinois Field Office
United States Fish and Wildlife Service
1511 47th Avenue
Moline, Illinois 61265

Dear Mr. Nelson:

Pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, (87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 U.S. C. 1531 et seq.), the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency has reviewed the biological information and analysis related to a Prevention of Significant Deterioration permit for the proposed expansion to the MGP Ingredients, Inc., facility located in Pekin, Illinois, to determine what impact there may be to any threatened or endangered species in the area around the facility. The purpose of this letter is to seek concurrence from the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service on our determination that the proposed project is not likely to adversely affect any federally listed species in relation to the proposed air quality permit for this facility. Our evaluation and supporting documentation are enclosed with this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pamela Blakley".

Pamela Blakley, Chief
Air Permits Section

Enclosure

cc: Laurel Kroak, IEPA