



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION 5  
77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD  
CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590



REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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Richard Nelson,  
Field Supervisor  
Rock Island Illinois Field Office  
United States Fish and Wildlife Service  
1511 47<sup>th</sup> 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 Keystone Steel & Wire Company (Keystone) located in Peoria, Illinois to determine what impact there may be to any threatened or endangered species in the area around the facility from the proposed increase in the facility's existing sulfur dioxide limitation. On January 26, 2010, Keystone submitted an analysis of short and long term impacts which included ambient modeling and an acid fog/mist model. Species considered included the Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalist*), eastern prairie fringed orchid (*Plantanthera leucophaea*), decurrent false aster (*Boltonia decurrens*), and lakeside daisy (*Hymenoxys hervacea*). Based on our review of the provided information, EPA has concluded that the proposed increase in sulfur dioxide emissions at Keystone may effect, but is not likely to adversely effect any threatened or endangered species.

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. The evaluation provided by Keystone is 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