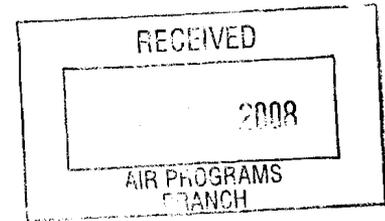




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IN REPLY REFER TO:

January 22, 2008

United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region 5
Attn: Ms. Blakley
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590

Re: Endangered Species Act (Act) Informal Section 7 Consultation for Marathon Petroleum Company

Dear Ms. Blakley:

We have reviewed the biological evaluation provided by Cambridge Environmental with your cover letter dated January 8, 2008. Marathon Petroleum Company LLC, Detroit, Michigan is proposing the Detroit Heavy Oil Project. The purpose of the project is to install new process units and support equipment to allow the processing of a new source of crude oil and to expand the nominal capacity of the Detroit Refinery from 100,000 barrels of crude oil per day to 115,000 barrels of crude oil per day. The project is located in Detroit, Michigan.

Your letter requests our concurrence on the effects on the proposed project on federally-listed species. Three listed species, the Indiana bat, Eastern prairie fringed orchid and the Northern riffleshell were evaluated by Cambridge Environmental. We concur with your conclusion that the operation of the facility may affect, but is not likely to adversely affect the listed species in the proposed project area.

This precludes the need for further action on this project as required by Section 7 of the Act. However, if the project is modified or new information about the project becomes available that indicates listed or proposed species may be present and/or affected, consultation with this Service office should be reinitiated.

Questions regarding our resource protection recommendations should be directed to Burr Fisher at 517/351-8286 or burr_fisher@fws.gov.

Sincerely,


Craig A. Czarnecki
Field Supervisor

cc: MDNR, Wildlife Division, Lansing, MI (Attn: Lori Sargent)