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IN REPLY REFER TO:

MEMORANDUM

Date: February 5, 2004

To: NRDA Specialist, East Lansing Field Office

From: Field Supervisor, East Lansing Field Office

Re: Endangered Species List Request for Tobico Marsh Project

Thank you for your January 21, 2004 request for information on endangered, threatened, proposed, or candidate species and critical habitat which may be present within the proposed project areas. Your request and this response are made pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, (the Act).

Based on information presently available, there are no endangered, threatened, proposed, or candidate species, or critical habitat occurring within the proposed project areas. This presently precludes the need for further action on this project as required under section 7 of the Act.

We advise, however, that should a species become officially listed or proposed before completion of this project, the federal action agency for the work would be required to reevaluate its responsibilities under the Act. Further, should new information become available that indicates listed or proposed species may be present and/or affected, consultation should be initiated with this office.

Since threatened and endangered species data is continually updated, new information pertaining to this project may become available which may modify these recommendations. Therefore, we recommend your agency request an updated federal list of the species occurring in the project area if more than six months have passed.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide these comments. Please refer any questions directly to Tameka Dandridge of this office at (517) 351-8315 or the above address.

Sincerely,

for Craig A. Czarnecki
Field Supervisor

cc: Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Division, Lansing, MI
(Attn: Lori Sargent)