

Response to Minisink Cmts sent 10/12/11 by FWS (Mandell)

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Subject: Extension of Comment Period - NiSource Application under ESA

The public comment period for the NiSource Incidental Take Permit Application and Draft Environmental Impact Statement has been extended 60 days. The closing date for receipt of comments is December 13, 2011. The notice will publish in the Federal Register on 10-14-11.

Application and related materials are available on the FWS Web Site at:  
<http://www.fws.gov/midwest/endangered/permits/hcp/nisource/index.html>

Your comment on the Millennium Minisink compressor station has been received. However, please note that your comments on the compressor station project must be directed to the **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is considering an application for an incidental take permit specific to endangered species. The proposed permit will not authorize pipeline activities, per se. It would use the ESA Section 10 process to consider endangered species impacts rather than compliance through the ESA Section 7 process.

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