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Subject: Fw: DES-11/0026:NiSource Multi-species Habitat Conservation Plan
Multi-state, NiSource Gas Transmission & Storage, Inc.

The National Park Service does not have comments at this time on either the DEIS or the draft HCP. The NPS wished to be informed when the final EIS is issued, and when subsequent studies related to NiSource activities are conducted (please see the attached memo).

Thank you,

Missy

(See attached file: DES 11_0026 NiSource Multi Species HCP and DEIS.docx)

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Missy,

This just came in.

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Multi-state, NiSource Gas Transmission & Storage, Inc.

Hi Haynes,

The Southeast Region has no additional comments on the Draft EIS and HCP. As noted, we're a Cooperating Agency in the preparation of the document.

Thanks,
Steve

Steven M. Wright
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National Park Service Environmental Quality Division
7333 W. Jefferson Avenue
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Document Information

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DES-11/0026

Document Title

NiSource Multi-species Habitat Conservation Plan

Multi-state,

NiSource Gas Transmission & Storage, Inc.

Location

State

County

Delaware

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Statement, Habitat Conservation Plan
Doc. Classification Federal Management Plan
Applicant Fish and Wildlife Service
Web Review Address

<http://www.fws.gov/midwest/endangered/permits/hcp/nisource/2011NOA/NiSourceDraftEIS.html>

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<http://www.fws.gov/midwest/endangered/permits/hcp/nisource/index.html>

<http://www.fws.gov/midwest/endangered/permits/hcp/nisource/2011NOA/pdf/FRNiSourceNOA13July2011.pdf>

<http://www.fws.gov/midwest/endangered/permits/hcp/nisource/scopingreport.html>

<http://www.fws.gov/midwest/Endangered/permits/hcp/r3hcps.html>

<http://www.fws.gov/midwest/endangered/permits/hcp/nisource/pdf/ScopingRptAppB.pdf>

<http://www.fws.gov/midwest/endangered/permits/hcp/nisource/pdf/ScopingReport2008.pdf>

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Action

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Response Type
Regional Response
Instructions
Comments to Lead DOI Bureau. NPS Lead consolidates NPS comments,
prepares
comment/no comment memo, and emails to Lead DOI Bureau with copy to EQD
(WASO-2310). See DI Remarks Section below for specifics.

Topic Context

NISource is seeking a 50-year Incidental Take Permit (ITP) from FWS
to more
efficiently address their ESA requirements for construction,
operation, and
maintenance activities in the future (whether Federal agencies are
involved
or not).

An application for an ITP must be accompanied by a habitat
conservation plan
(HCP) that specifies: the impact which will likely result from the
taking of
a listed species; the steps they take to minimize and mitigate the
impacts;
the funding that will be available to implement such steps;
alternative
actions to such taking they considered; and reasons why such

alternatives

were not utilized.

decision FWS has elected to prepare an EIS to disclose and review its
far-reaching regarding NiSource's ITP request based on its long-term and
intent, and the potential precedence set by such a decision.

If approved, the permit would authorize incidental take of 10
species, 9 of which are federally listed and 1 of which is proposed.

DI Remarks

Reviewers: Please email comments to NPS Lead Haynes Currie,
(NERO), Haynes_Currie@nps.gov by October 3, 2011 .

NPS Lead: Haynes Currie will consolidate NPS comments if any ;
prepare NPS comment memo and send to FWS, Bloomington, MN,
permitsR3ES@fws.gov
by October 11, 2011 with copy to: waso_eqd_extrev@nps.gov ,
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Applicant Address for Haynes Currie: Regional Director, Midwest
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Services, 5600
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FWS CONTACT: Lisa Mandell.

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NOTE: The multispecies habitat conservation plan also analyzes 33
additional species and provides for measures to avoid take of those species.

The geographic scope of this MSHCP will extend across the Service's
Midwest, Southeast, and Northeast Regions, covering the general area
stretching from Louisiana northeastward to New York where NiSource natural gas
systems are in place.

For purposes of this MSHCP, NiSource's natural gas pipeline system does not include any electric transmission lines that support the transmission of natural gas.

This pipeline system includes approximately 15,562 miles of buried steel pipe ranging in diameter from 2 to 36 inches, 117 compressor stations, and 6,236 measuring and regulating stations.

In addition, NiSource operates and maintains underground natural gas storage fields in conjunction with its pipeline system. Currently, NiSource operates 36 storage fields comprised of approximately 3,600 individual storage wells in Maryland, West Virginia, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New York.

NiSource has proposed a 1-mile-wide corridor centered on NiSource's existing facilities as the best approach for defining this portion of the covered lands.

Please make it clear when commenting whether your comments address the HCP, the draft EIS, both the HCP and draft EIS, or other supporting documents.

Email Comment Address
permitsR3ES@fws.gov

Workflow

Send Comments to Lead Office: NERO
Send to: Haynes Currie (NERO) by 10/03/11
Lead DOI Bureau: Fish and Wildlife Service
DUE TO: Lead Bureau by 10/11/11
DATE DUE OUT: 10/11/11

OEPC Memo to EQD: 08/17/11
Comments Due To Lead WASO Div:
Comments Due Out to
OEPC/Wash or Applicant: 10/11/11

Comments Due To Lead Region: 10/03/11
Comments Due in EQD:
Comments Due to REO:

Tracking Dates

Rcvd. Region Comments:
Comments Sent to OEPC, REO, or Applicant:
New Instructions:
Rcvd. Ext. Letter:
Reg. Cmts. to Bureau:
Cmts. Called In :

Comments Sent to EQD Chief:
Comment Letter/Memo Signed:
Rcvd. Extension:
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IN REPLY REFER TO:

ER 11/0026

October 11, 2011

United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Bloomington, MN

Subject: NiSource Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan Multi-State, NiSource Gas Transmission and Storage, Inc.

To the United States Fish and Wildlife Service:

This is in response to a request for the National Park Service's (NPS) review and comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) developed by NiSource Gas Transmission and Storage, Inc. (NiSource). NiSource applied to the FWS for an Incidental Take Permit (ITP) pursuant to Section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) as amended, for authorization for incidental take of certain federally-listed and proposed species that would result from NiSource's natural gas transmission activities across a 14 state operating territory.

The NPS has no comments at this time on the DEIS or the MSHCP, however, the NPS expects to be given the opportunity to review and comment on the final EIS and on subsequent documents related to NiSource activities on lands within its jurisdiction when the location and scope of projects are disclosed and site-specific environmental studies are required.

Thank you in advance for your attention to our concerns.

Sincerely,

Mary Morrison (Missy)
Interagency Review Coordinator
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