

From: [Crane, Drew](#)
To: [Graham, Kenneth](#)
Subject: Re: 316b Cooling Water Intake Structure Rule - Not an official assignment but input appreciated
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Hi Ken,

I have a feeling that this project will not be going away anytime soon. If the offices can get provide additional info by next Wednesday, that would be great! So far, the few responses I have received from Region 5 indicate that the field offices were not aware that this many cooling water intake structures overlapped T&E in their area.

Thanks

Drew

On Wed, Jun 5, 2013 at 12:38 PM, Graham, Kenneth <kenneth_graham@fws.gov> wrote:

Drew,

I was out of the office last week and finally got to your email. Are you still interested in having me poll our Field Offices in the Southeast Region? If so, I would like to give them until next Wednesday (June 12) to respond. If this would be too little, too late, I understand,

Let me know if you still want me to forward your inquiry or if I should just forget it.

Thanks,
Ken

On Thu, May 30, 2013 at 6:59 PM, Crane, Drew <drew_crane@fws.gov> wrote:

Hi All,

As I mentioned on the call today, EPA will be finalizing a rule that will set standards for existing cooling water intake structures at various facilities that withdraw more than 2 million gallons of water/day (primarily power plants and manufacturing facilities). In the attached map, they have identified where these facilities may occur. They have also determined that these facilities overlap approximately 207 listed species ranges. In most cases, the states are the permitting authority for these facilities. That means in instances where take is occurring, the state or the facility would need to develop an HCP to address any ongoing take issues. This could result in a significant workload increase for some field offices. We are attempting to avoid that situation by addressing this issue through a national programmatic consultation with EPA.

Could each of you poll your respective field offices to see if:

- they know of facilities with cooling water intakes in their area that are impacting T&E species?

- have they completed any consultations or HCPs for facilities that have cooling water intake structures?
- they are aware that this many facilities overlap T&E species in their area?

Even "yes, no" answers would be helpful at this point. Field offices can respond directly to me or you can forward on any responses you receive. If possible, I would appreciate any information they can provide by the end of next week.

Thanks!

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