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Subject: Fwd: Voluntary, informal request from HQ regarding EPAs Cooling Water Intake Structure Rule
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Attachments: [316b Map.pdf](#)

Hi Drew,

Congratulations on your position there! I had been wondering if that worked out.

At this time, I don't know of any cooling systems affecting T&E species here on the Front Range of Colorado, but will also ask around some more.

Cheers,
Leslie

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From: **Doug Laye** <doug_laye@fws.gov>
Date: Fri, May 31, 2013 at 8:03 AM
Subject: Voluntary, informal request from HQ regarding EPAs Cooling Water Intake Structure Rule
To: FW6 ESA Practitioner <fw6_esa_practitioner@fws.gov>

All, I'm clipping a portion of message and questions from Drew Crane at HQ. If you would like to respond, please respond directly to Drew and cc me.

Thanks, Doug

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?