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To: [Drew Crane](#); [Collette Thogerson](#)
Subject: Fwd: 316b Cooling Water Intake Structure Rule - Not an official assignment but input appreciated- Additional information!!
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From: **Niver, Robyn** <robyn_niver@fws.gov>
Date: Mon, Jun 3, 2013 at 11:16 AM
Subject: Fwd: 316b Cooling Water Intake Structure Rule - Not an official assignment but input appreciated- Additional information!!
To: Glenn S Smith <Glenn_S_Smith@fws.gov>
Cc: Sandra Doran <Sandra_Doran@fws.gov>

Consultations with NRC on nuclear plant involved water intake. No issues for listed species under our jurisdiction from that aspect of the project though.
Robyn

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From: **Sandra Doran** <sandra_doran@fws.gov>
Date: Mon, Jun 3, 2013 at 11:14 AM
Subject: RE: 316b Cooling Water Intake Structure Rule - Not an official assignment but input appreciated- Additional information!!
To: Robyn Niver <robyn_niver@fws.gov>

The only consult I was involved with was Nine Mile expansion in Scriba (IB, BT), but that project has been on hold for about 3 yrs now. The other one as Indian Point on the Hudson. Not sure if this is worth mentioning..

Sandie

From: Niver, Robyn [mailto:robyn_niver@fws.gov]
Sent: Friday, May 31, 2013 2:37 PM
To: Smith, Glenn
Cc: Sandra Doran; Noelle Rayman; Tim R Sullivan; Patricia Cole
Subject: Re: 316b Cooling Water Intake Structure Rule - Not an official assignment but input appreciated- Additional information!!

Hi Glenn,

I think the legend is backwards for the figure. Anyway, I don't recall ever being coordinated with on this particular issue for a project. We may not have realized an intake was part of the project or just no species of interest for us. I think NOAA may have more concerns in NY along the Hudson River with sturgeon. A closer look

at this for dwarf wedge mussels, rayed bean, and clubshell would be good. My responses to the 3 questions are below.

Robyn

On Fri, May 31, 2013 at 2:29 PM, Smith, Glenn <glenn_s_smith@fws.gov> wrote:

FYI

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?

No

- have they completed any consultations or HCPs for facilities that have cooling water intake structures?

No

- they are aware that this many facilities overlap T&E species in their area?

No

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!

Drew Crane

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