



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

April 29, 2015

Mr. Tom Melius
Midwest Regional Director
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
5600 American Blvd. West, Suite 990
Bloomington, MN 55437-1458

Mr. Forest Clark
Acting Field Supervisor
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Ohio Ecological Services Field Office
4625 Morse Rd., Suite 104
Columbus, OH 43230

Ms. Jennifer Finfera
Wildlife Biologist
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Ohio Ecological Services Field Office
4625 Morse Rd., Suite 104
Columbus, OH 43230

SUBJECT: AVAILABILITY OF THE FINAL SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
STATEMENT REGARDING DAVIS-BESSE NUCLEAR POWER STATION,
UNIT 1, LICENSE RENEWAL

Dear Mr. Melius, Mr. Clark, and Ms. Finfera:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has completed the enclosed final Supplement 52 to NUREG-1437, "Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants" (SEIS), regarding the license renewal of Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station, Unit 1 (Davis-Besse), in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA). With this letter, I am forwarding you a copy of the final SEIS.

As part of its NEPA review, the NRC considered effects to species and habitats protected under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA), and in a letter dated February 27, 2014, the NRC requested the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (FWS) concurrence with its biological assessment for the proposed license renewal in accordance with ESA section 7. During consultation, the NRC determined that continued operation of Davis-Besse during the license renewal term may affect, but is not likely to adversely affect the Kirtland's warbler (*Setophaga kirtlandii*), piping plover (*Charadrius melodus*), red knot (*Calidris canutus rufa*), Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*), and northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*) and would have no effect on the eastern prairie fringed orchid (*Platanthera leucophaea*) or lakeside daisy (*Hymenoxys acaulis* var. *glabra*).

In a letter dated September 30, 2014, the FWS concurred with the NRC's effect determinations and indicated that formal consultation between the FWS and NRC pursuant to ESA section 7 would not be necessary for the proposed license renewal. The NRC has documented the FWS's concurrence and the conclusion of consultation in Section 4.8.1 of the final SEIS. The FWS's letter also included non-ESA comments on the draft SEIS. You will find the NRC's responses to those comments in Appendix A of the final SEIS and associated text changes, as applicable, in Section 4.8 of the final SEIS. In preparing the final SEIS, the NRC staff did not identify any new information that would change the staff's findings of "no effect" or that would otherwise require initiation of section 7 consultation. Accordingly, the NRC considers its obligations under ESA section 7 for the proposed license renewal of Davis-Besse to be fulfilled.

I look forward to future coordination with your offices to ensure the continued protection of Federally listed species and designated critical habitats at Davis-Besse and other NRC-licensed operating nuclear plants in your respective regions. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Ms. Briana Grange, Biologist, of my staff at 301-415-1042 or by e-mail at briana.grange@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

/RA/

David J. Wrona, Chief
Environmental Review
and Guidance Update Branch
Division of License Renewal
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

In a letter dated September 30, 2014, the FWS concurred with the NRC's effect determinations and indicated that formal consultation between the FWS and NRC pursuant to ESA section 7 would not be necessary for the proposed license renewal. The NRC has documented the FWS's concurrence and the conclusion of consultation in Section 4.8.1 of the final SEIS. The FWS's letter also included non-ESA comments on the draft SEIS. You will find the NRC's responses to those comments in Appendix A of the final SEIS and associated text changes, as applicable, in Section 4.8 of the final SEIS. In preparing the final SEIS, the NRC staff did not identify any new information that would change the staff's findings of "no effect" or that would otherwise require initiation of section 7 consultation. Accordingly, the NRC considers its obligations under ESA section 7 for the proposed license renewal of Davis-Besse to be fulfilled.

I look forward to future coordination with your offices to ensure the continued protection of Federally listed species and designated critical habitats at Davis-Besse and other NRC-licensed operating nuclear plants in your respective regions. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Ms. Briana Grange, Biologist, of my staff at 301-415-1042 or by e-mail at briana.grange@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

/RA/

David J. Wrona, Chief
 Environmental Review
 and Guidance Update Branch
 Division of License Renewal
 Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket No. 50-346

DISTRIBUTION: See next page

ADAMS Accession Nos.: ML14302A245 (package), ML14302A244 (letter)
Enclosure: ML15112A098 and ML15113A187 (final SEIS) *concurred via email

OFFICE	LA:DLR*	AB:RERB:DLR	BC:RPB2:DLR	BC:RERB:DLR
NAME	lBetts	BGrange	BWittick	DWrona
DATE	11/6/14	03/28/15	4/28/15	4/29/15

OFFICIAL RECORD COPY

Letter to T. Melius, F. Clark, and J. Finferra from D. Wrona dated April 29, 2015

SUBJECT: AVAILABILITY OF THE FINAL SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT REGARDING DAVIS-BESSE NUCLEAR POWER STATION, UNIT 1, LICENSE RENEWAL

DISTRIBUTION:

E-MAIL:

PUBLIC
EndangeredSpecies Resource
RidsNrrDir Resource
RidsNrrDirRerb Resource
RidsNrrDirRpb2 Resource
RidsNrrPMDavisBesse Resource

BGrange
DLogan
MMoser
EKeegan
DWrona
BWittick

jennifer.finferra@fws.gov