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February 24, 2009

Ms. Robin Bush
U.S. Department of Commerce- EDA
111 North Canal Street, Suite 855
Chicago, Illinois 60606

re: EDA Grant Application
City of Richland Center
Richland County, Wisconsin

Dear Ms. Bradley:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has received your letter dated February 4, 2009, requesting comments on the subject project. This project entails installation of municipal sanitary sewer, water main, and roadway infrastructure for the City of Richland's North Industrial Park. The proposed project area is located in Richland County, Wisconsin. Our comments follow.

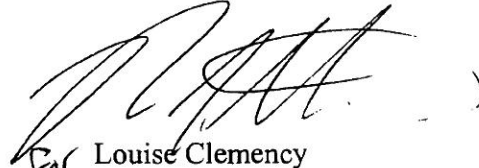
Federally-Listed Species, Candidate Species, and Critical Habitat

Due to the habitats present and project location, no federally-listed species would be expected within the project area. This precludes the need for further action on this project as required by the 1973 Endangered Species Act, as amended. Should additional information on listed or proposed species or their critical habitat become available or if project plans change or if portions of the proposed project were not evaluated, it is recommended that you contact our office for further review.

For future reference, we encourage you to visit the Service's Region 3 Section 7 Technical Assistance web site at <http://www.fws.gov/midwest/endangered/section7/s7process/>. There, you will find guidance to assist you in fulfilling the requirements for consultation under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, including a step-by-step explanation of the section 7 process, species distribution lists, species life history information and conservation measures, and examples of typical letters.

We appreciate the opportunity to respond. Questions pertaining to these comments can be directed to Ms. Jill Utrup 920-866-1734.

Sincerely,



For Louise Clemency
Field Supervisor