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Mr. Gregory J. Gerke
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Project No.: SGI.001
Project: Remediation of Dixon Road Site and Kokomo Dump Site
Location: Kokomo, Howard County

Dear Mr. Gerke:

This responds to your letter dated July 31, 2015, requesting our comments on the aforementioned project.

These comments have been prepared under the authority of the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 U.S.C. 661 et. seq.) and are consistent with the intent of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the Endangered Species Act of 1973, and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Mitigation Policy.

The proposed project consists of the removal of contaminated soil from the Kokomo Dump Site and subsurface investigation work, likely leading to contaminated soil removal, at the Dixon Road Site. The 2 sites are adjacent to each other along Wildcat Creek on the west side of Kokomo. Nearby land uses include a large quarry, industrial facilities, and residential areas.

ENDANGERED SPECIES

The proposed project is within the range of the Federally endangered Indiana bat (Myotis sodalis) and the threatened northern long-eared bat (Myotis septentrionalis). However, there is no habitat for these species within the proposed project area, so we agree that the proposed project is not likely to adversely affect these endangered and threatened species.

This precludes the need for further consultation on this project as required under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. However, should new information arise pertaining to project plans or a revised species list be published, it will be necessary for the Federal agency to reinitiate consultation.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this proposed project. For further discussion, please contact Elizabeth McCloskey at (219) 983-9753 or elizabeth_mccloskey@fws.gov.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth S. McCloskey". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

for Scott E. Pruitt
Supervisor