

January 27, 2015

Ms. Kelly Poole  
Iowa Department of Natural Resources  
502 E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
Des Moines, IA 50319

RE: Iowa Army Ammunitions Plant – Industrial Park – Yard L  
Threatened & Endangered Species Review

Dear Ms. Poole:

American Ordnance, LLC is proposing to market an additional site (approximately 152.4 acres) of the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant (IAAAP) as a large industrial park. The site (known as Yard L) is located in Middletown, IA (Des Moines County). In order to make the site more marketable, it is going through a site certification program by the Iowa Economic Development Authority. As part of the program, a review is to be completed to identify potential effects to threatened and endangered species and habitat within the proposed project limits.

Klingner & Associates, P.C. performed a review of the data listed for Des Moines County on the Iowa Natural Areas Inventory (INAI) Interactive Website to determine potential species of concern at the site. A habitat review of the site was conducted on November 24-25, 2014 to determine the presence and/or absence of suitable habitat for both state and federally listed species. Results of the review are compiled in the attached IAAAP Industrial Park Threatened & Endangered Species Study report. The report has been submitted to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service for comments and on behalf of American Ordnance, LLC, we are requesting review of the attached and comments and suggestions on avoidance or minimization efforts your office may have.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us. You may reach me by phone at 217-223-3670 or by email at [kknuffman@klingner.com](mailto:kknuffman@klingner.com).

Sincerely,

KLINGNER & ASSOCIATES, PC



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C: Jesse Howe, American Ordnance, LLC (via email)

Enclosure: IAAAP Industrial Park Threatened & Endangered Species Study