

January 27, 2015

Attn: Heidi Woeber
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Rock Island, IL Field Office
1511 47th Ave
Moline, IL 61256

Dear Ms. Woeber

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.

We carefully reviewed (on January 14, 2015) your agency's Section 7 Consultation website for a list of species and critical habitat that "may be present" within the project area. There are six (6) species that were listed.

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 Iowa Department of Natural Resources for comments and on behalf of American Ordnance, LLC, we are requesting review of the attached and request your concurrence with our determinations. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call me at 217-223-3670 or email at kknuffman@klingner.com.

Sincerely,



Kara Knuffman
Environmental Ecologist

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

Enclosure: IAAAP Industrial Park Threatened & Endangered Species Study