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Dear Mr. Nelson:

This is in response to your letter dated August 8, 1991, requesting our comments on the Final Remedial Investigation Planning Documents for Site 29 - Crash Crew Burn Pit. These comments are provided in accordance with the provisions of the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 661-667d), and Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543).

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has reviewed the documents in regard to wildlife and wetland resources. Based on information provided and a site visit, made by Kate Looney of this office during the July 31, 1991 meeting, the Service believes that no wetlands have been impacted by the installation of monitoring wells or will be impacted by further installation of wells on the site and in the immediate vicinity. In regard to wetlands impacted by groundwater contamination down gradient of the site, we must wait for the results of further investigations.

Presently, staffing limitations prevent us from making specific contaminant comments. However, our general concern is we believe the investigation to date have largely focused on impacts to human health. We believe that the potential impacts to wildlife should be addressed. The attached page identifies the Federally-listed endangered (E), threatened (T) and candidate (C) species which may occur in the area of influence of these actions. From this list, it is obvious that there are species of special concern in the area that could potentially be impacted by contaminated ground water, surface water and sediments.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide these comments and look forward to continuing to be involved with these projects.

Sincerely yours,

L.K. Mike Gantt
 Field Supervisor

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Carteret County

Green Sea Turtle (Chelonia mydas) - T
 Arctic peregrine falcon (Falco peregrinus tundrius) - T
 Roseate tern (Sterna dougallii dougallii) - E
 Bald eagle (Haliaeetus leucocephalus) - E
 Piping plover (Charadrius melodus) - T
 Red cockaded woodpecker (Picoides borealis) - E
 Leatherback sea turtle (Dermochelys coriacea) - E
 Loggerhead sea turtle (Caretta caretta) - T
 Rough-leaved loosestrife (Lysimachia asperulaefolia) - E

There are species which, although not now listed or officially proposed for listing as endangered or threatened, are under status review by the Fish and Wildlife Service. These "Candidate" (C) species are not legally protected under the Act, and are not subject to any of its provisions, including Section 7, until they are formally proposed or listed as threatened or endangered. We are providing the below list of candidate of species which may occur within the project area for the purpose of giving you advance notification. These species may be listed in the future, at which time they will be protected under the Act. In the meantime, we would appreciate anything you might do for them.

Bachman's sparrow (Aimophila aestivalis) - C
 Carolina crawfish frog (Rana areolata capito) - C
 Loose watermilfoil (Myriophyllum laxum) - C