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April 11, 2008

Brent Cartwright
The EADS Group
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RE: USFWS Project #2008-1065
PNDI Review #20070329084788

Dear Mr. Cartwright:

This responds the information you forwarded our office on March 31, 2008, regarding federally listed and proposed endangered and threatened species within the area affected by the proposed New Indian Valley High School, located in Derry Township, Mifflin County, Pennsylvania. The project is within the range of the Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*), a species that is federally listed as endangered. The following comments are provided pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) to ensure the protection of endangered and threatened species.

Based on the project site and impact information available to us, and coordination with the Pennsylvania Game Commission, we conclude that project impacts on forest habitat will not adversely affect the Indiana bat, or any other federally listed or proposed species.

This response relates only to endangered or threatened species under our jurisdiction, based on an office review of the proposed project's location. No field inspection of the project area has been conducted by this office. Consequently, this letter is not to be construed as addressing potential Service concerns under the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act or other authorities.

To avoid potential delays in reviewing your project, please use the above-referenced USFWS project tracking number in any future correspondence regarding this project.

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**The EADS Group
ALTOONA, PA**

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Pam Shellenberger of my staff at 814-234-4090.

Sincerely,

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David Densmore
Supervisor

Enclosure

Federally Listed, Proposed, and Candidate Species in Pennsylvania
(revised August 15, 2007)

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>	<u>Status¹</u>	<u>Distribution (Counties and/or Watersheds)</u>
MAMMALS			
Indiana bat	<i>Myotis sodalis</i>	E	Hibernacula: Armstrong, Beaver, Blair, Centre, Fayette, Huntingdon, Lawrence, Luzerne, Mifflin and Somerset Co. Maternity sites: Bedford, Berks and Blair Counties. Potential winter habitat state-wide in caves or abandoned mines. Potential summer habitat state-wide in forests or wooded areas.
BIRDS			
Piping plover	<i>Charadrius melodus</i>	E	Designated critical habitat on Presque Isle (Erie Co.). Migratory. No nesting in PA since 1950s, but recent colonization attempts at Presque Isle
REPTILES			
Bog turtle	<i>Clemmys (Glyptemys) muhlenbergii</i>	T	Adams, Berks, Bucks, Chester, Cumberland, Delaware, Franklin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Monroe, Montgomery, Northampton, Schuylkill and York Co. <i>Historically found in Crawford, Mercer and Philadelphia Co.</i>
Eastern massasauga rattlesnake	<i>Sistrurus catenatus catenatus</i>	C	Butler, Crawford, Mercer and Venango Co. <i>Historically found in Allegheny and Lawrence Co.</i>
MUSSELS			
Clubshell	<i>Pleurobema clava</i>	E	French Creek and Allegheny River (and some tributaries) in Armstrong, Clarion, Crawford, Erie, Forest, Mercer, Venango, and Warren Co.; Shenango River (Mercer and Crawford Co.) <i>Has not been found recently in 13 streams of historical occurrence in Butler, Beaver, Fayette, Greene, Indiana, Lawrence, and Westmoreland Co.</i>
Dwarf wedgemussel	<i>Alasmidonta heterodon</i>	E	Delaware River (Pike and Wayne Co.) <i>Has not been found recently in streams of historical occurrence in the Delaware River watershed (Bucks, Carbon, Chester, Philadelphia Co.) or Susquehanna River watershed (Lancaster Co.)</i>
Northern riffleshell	<i>Epioblasma torulosa rangiana</i>	E	French Creek and Allegheny River (and some tributaries) in Armstrong, Clarion, Crawford, Erie, Forest, Mercer, Venango, and Warren Co. <i>Has not been found recently in streams of historical occurrence, including: Shenango River (Lawrence Co.), Conewango Creek (Warren Co.)</i>