



September 23, 2025

IN REPLY REFER TO

SIR# 61990

Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc.
Josh Reffner
700 Cherrington Parkway
Moon Township, Pennsylvania 15108

**RE: Species Impact Review (SIR) – Rare, Candidate, Threatened and Endangered Species
PNDI Search No. 842879_1
Sharon Data Center
Sharon City: MERCER County**

Dear Josh Reffner:

This responds to your inquiry about a Pennsylvania Natural Diversity Inventory (PNDI) Internet Database search “potential conflict” or a threatened and endangered species impact review. These projects are screened for potential conflicts with rare, candidate, threatened or endangered species under Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission jurisdiction (fish, reptiles, amphibians, aquatic invertebrates only) using the Pennsylvania Natural Diversity Inventory (PNDI) database and our own files. These species of special concern are listed under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, the Wild Resource Conservation Act, and the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Code (Chapter 75), or the Wildlife Code.

Multiple element occurrence of a rare, candidate, threatened, or endangered species under our jurisdiction are known from the Shenango River in the vicinity of the proposed project. Provided that there are no proposed or anticipated impacts to the Shenango River, including – for example – water intakes or outfalls, then no adverse impacts are expected to the species of special concern. If any in-river impacts are anticipated, then additional information should be submitted to PFBC and further review required.

This response represents the most up-to-date summary of the PNDI data and our files and is valid for two (2) years from the date of this letter. An absence of recorded species information does not necessarily imply species absence. Our data files and the PNDI system are continuously being updated with species occurrence information. Should project plans change or additional information on listed or proposed species become available, this determination may be reconsidered, and consultation shall be re-initiated.

If you have any questions regarding this review, please contact Nevin Welte at 814-470-6151 or c-nwelte@pa.gov and refer to the SIR # 61990. Thank you for your cooperation and attention to this important matter of species conservation and habitat protection.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christopher A. Urban". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "C" at the beginning.

Christopher A. Urban, Chief
Natural Diversity Section

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