



Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission

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May 3, 2017

IN REPLY REFER TO

SIR# 46924

Gannett Fleming, Inc.
Samantha Hockenberry
207 Senate Avenue
Camp Hill, Pennsylvania 17011

**RE: Species Impact Review (SIR) – Rare, Candidate, Threatened and Endangered Species
PNDI Search No. 614335_2
Milltown Dam Hazard Reduction
CHESTER County: East Goshen Township**

Dear Samantha Hockenberry:

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) has reviewed the project plans and biological information for the proposed Milltown Reservoir drawdown and dam reclassification project. The enclosed document represents the PFBC's Biological Opinion about the effects of the proposed activity on a state listed species, and a Special Permit that authorizes their incidental take.

Pursuant to the authority under the Fish and Boat Code, 30 Pa.C.S. § § 2102 and 2305, the PFBC hereby grants East Goshen Township a Special Permit, as per 58 PA Code 75.4 (1)(iii) to take threatened and endangered species for purposes of reclassifying the Milltown Dam. This permit authorizes take, which was determined by the enclosed PFBC Biological Opinion to include the state threatened Eastern Redbelly Turtle (10). The permit conditions outlined in the PFBC Special Permit are mandatory. This Special Permit is valid through the completion of the project, and expires on May 3, 2020. If the Expansion Project is not completed by May 3, 2020, East Goshen Township shall reinitiate consultation with the PFBC to re-evaluate project impacts on the state listed species, and to determine the appropriateness of the Special Permit, its conditions, and compensatory mitigation contained in the Biological Opinion.

If you have any questions regarding this Biological Opinion and/or Special Permit, please contact Kathy Gipe at 814-359-5186 and refer to the SIR # 46924. 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 initial "C".

Christopher A. Urban, Chief
Natural Diversity Section

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Cc: Mark Hartle, PFBC
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Enclosure