



# Illinois Department of Natural Resources

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RE: BP Illinois Casing Repairs  
IDNR Project #1008763

Dear applicant:

This letter concerns the Endangered Species Consultation for the PB Illinois Casing Repair located near Arsenal Road in Will County, Illinois. This project was submitted for consultation in accordance with the *Illinois Endangered Species Protection Act* [520 ILCS 10/11], the *Illinois Natural Areas Preservation Act* [525 ILCS 30/17], and Title 17 *Illinois Administrative Code* Part 1075.

The project will entail casing repairs on BP Pipelines on an existing pipeline.

The Department has completed its review of the project and determined that the action is likely to have an adverse impact on Franklin's ground squirrel (*Spermophilus franklinii*), loggerhead shrike (*Lanius ludovicianus*), upland sandpiper (*Bartramia longicauda*), and ornate box turtle (*Terrapene ornata*).

To minimize these impacts, BP has agreed to mow the project area as soon as possible (e-mail dated 5/5/2010). This is being done to make the project area unattractive to breeding grassland species. If burrows or nests are encountered this specific area will be avoided while the rest of the project area is mown. A biologist should be contacted to determine the species. If turtles are encountered, they will be moved out of harms way during the mowing process. This project also involves earth moving to access the casing. Stockpiles of soil are an attractive area for dispersing juvenile ground squirrels. Therefore it is recommended that soil be replaced as soon as possible after pipeline repair and not be stockpiled after July 31.

Consultation on the part of the Department is completed. Please notify the Department of the decision regarding these recommendations, whether the applicant will:

- Proceed with the action as originally proposed;
- Modified the action per Department recommendations (please specify which measures if not all will be required); or
- Forgo the action.

This consultation is valid for two years unless new information becomes available that was not previously considered; the proposed action is modified; or additional species, essential habitat, or Natural Areas are identified in the vicinity. If the project has not been implemented within two years of the date of this letter, or any of the above listed conditions develop, a new consultation is necessary.

The natural resource review reflects the information existing in the Illinois Natural Heritage Database at the time of the project submittal, and should not be regarded as a final statement on the site being considered, nor should it be a substitute for detailed site surveys or field surveys required for environmental assessments. If additional protected resources are encountered during the project's implementation, you must comply with the applicable statutes and regulations. Also, note that termination does not imply IDNR's authorization or endorsement of the proposed action.

Please contact me if you have questions regarding this review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tracy Evans".

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