



# Illinois Department of Natural Resources

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**RE: Transmission Line Rebuild**  
**Project Number(s): 1600793 [040532.00639]**  
**County: Kane**

Dear Ms. Gangloff:

This letter serves as an update to the previous letter sent September 16, 2015 regarding the above mentioned project. The Department conducted further review of the project via the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Agency Request for Comment (LRC-2015-00513). The Department provides the following updated recommendations:

While records are not in the immediate project area, crews should remain vigilant for the possibility of state-endangered Blanding's turtles (*Emydoidea blandingii*) in the vicinity of wetlands. Work should be avoided from June 1 through October 15 in the project area submitted under project code 1600793 as this time period is more likely to have females traversing the landscape to find nesting sites. This time period will also avoid the possibility of harming an unknown nest present in the ground already.

Also, be advised that records for state-threatened slippershell mussels (*Alasmidonta viridis*) exist downstream in Blackberry Creek. Crews should avoid instream work in this stream without further mussel surveys to determine presence and consultation with the Department.

Given these recommendations are adopted, the Department has no objection to issuance of a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permit.

Please note that this review does not preclude permit decisions made by the IDNR Office of Water Resources under the Illinois Rivers, Lakes, and Streams Act.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this review.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nathan Grider".

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cc: Stasi Brown – USACE