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Susan Rowley
ENCAP, Inc.
2585 Wagner Court
DeKalb, IL 60115

RE: Golf Course Areas 6 & 7 Grant Work
Project Number(s): 1605325
County: DeKalb

Dear Ms. Rowley:

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources has reviewed the above-mentioned project involving woody vegetation and invasive species removal, and native plantings along the Kishwaukee River in Sycamore, IL. The project will also include similar activities, and including minor grading, of a small intermittent tributary to the Kishwaukee River in the project area. Pursuant to the Fish & Wildlife Coordination Act, the Department provides the following comments:

The natural resource review identified the state-threatened slippershell mussel (*Alasmodonta viridis*) as potentially occurring in the area. Given no instream work is proposed within the Kishwaukee River and the small tributary is unlikely to support mussel populations, the Department has determined that impacts to this species are unlikely. However, the Department recommends strict adherence to sediment and erosion control BMP's and crews working on the project be educated about the species, their identification, presence in the river, and instructed not to impact the stream bed without further consultation with the Department. The Department also recommends information about this species, its importance, and dependence on high quality streams, be included in public education and outreach materials as mentioned in the grant application.

The Department requests notification if these recommendations can be accommodated. Please note that this review is separate and distinct from any other action or regulatory authority of the Department. This review does not satisfy consultation requirements under Title 17 *Illinois Administrative Code* Part 1075.

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

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

Nathan Grider
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cc: Jim Kelley – USACE, Rock Island District