



## Illinois Department of Natural Resources

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**RE: Meredosia Ash Ponds**  
**Project Number(s): 1606751**  
**County: Morgan**

Dear Ms. Miller:

This letter concerns the Endangered Species Consultation for the project noted above, located in Morgan County, Township 16 North, Range 16 North, Sections 21 & 28. 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 involves closure of inactive ash ponds at Meredosia Plant in Meredosia, IL.

The Department has completed its review of the project and determined that, with the exceptions below, the resources identified by EcoCAT in the vicinity are unlikely to be affected.

The state-threatened **Illinois Chorus Frog** (*Pseudacris illinoensis*) and **Regal Fritillary** (*Speyeria idalia*) are known to occur within the proposed project area. The project activities are likely to result in a take of the species, which is a violation of the Illinois Endangered Species Protection Act. "Take" means, in reference to animals and animal products, to harm, hunt, shoot, pursue, lure, wound, kill, destroy, harass, gig, spear, ensnare, trap, capture, collect, or to attempt to engage in such a conduct. The Department recommends that the applicant should apply for Incidental Take Authorization (ITA) for these species in accordance with 17 Ill Adm. Code Part 1080. Be advised, the ITA process can take up to four months to complete. Communication concerning the ITA application should be directed to Jenny Skufca, Office of Resource Conservation, 217-557-8243 or [Jenny.Skufca@illinois.gov](mailto:Jenny.Skufca@illinois.gov).

Please note, that in accordance with the Illinois Endangered Species Protection Act [520 ILCS 10/11] the parcel where the fill material for the ash ponds will be obtained should be submitted through the Endangered Species Consultation as well.

Consultation under 17 Ill. Adm. Code Part 1075 is completed. In accordance with 17 Ill. Adm. Code 1075.40(h), please notify the Department of your decision regarding these recommendations.

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,  
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