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July 13, 2007

Ms. Paula Gromak
USDA Rural Development
1075 Cleaver Road
PO Box 291
Caro, MI 48723

Dear Ms. Gromak:

SUBJECT: Community Anaerobic Digester

The location of the proposed project was checked against known localities for rare species and unique natural features, which are recorded in a statewide database. This continuously updated database is a comprehensive source of existing data on Michigan's endangered, threatened, or otherwise significant plant and animal species, natural plant communities, and other natural features. Records in the database indicate that a qualified observer has documented the presence of special natural features at a site. The absence of records in the database for a particular site may mean that the site has not been surveyed. The only way to obtain a definitive statement on the status of natural features is to have a competent biologist perform a complete field survey.

Under Act 451 of 1994, the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Part 365, Endangered Species Protection, "a person shall not take, possess, transport, ...fish, plants, and wildlife indigenous to the state and determined to be endangered or threatened," unless first receiving an Endangered Species Permit from the Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Division. The presence of threatened or endangered species does not preclude activities or development, but may require alterations in the project plan. *Species may be present that have not been recorded in the database.*

The following is a summary of the results for the project in Newaygo County, T12N R14W, Section 3:

The project should have no impact on rare or unique natural features at the location specified above if it proceeds according to the plans provided. Please contact me for an evaluation if the project plans are changed.

Thank you in for your coordination in addressing the protection of Michigan's natural resource heritage. Responses and correspondence can be sent to: Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Division – Natural Heritage Program, PO Box 30180, Lansing, MI 48909. If you have further questions, please call me at 517-373-1263 or e-mail at SargenL2@michigan.gov.

Sincerely,

Lori G. Sargent
Endangered Species Specialist
Wildlife Division

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June 1, 2009

Craig A. Czarnecki, Field Supervisor
United States Dept of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
East Lansing Field Office
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East Lansing, MI 48823

RE: City of Fremont Community Anaerobic Digester Project
USDA Finding of No Effect

Dear Mr. Czarnecki:

The City of Fremont has applied to USDA Rural Development for funding assistance to construct a community anaerobic digester to serve their residents in Newaygo County, Michigan.

USDA is making a finding of no effect for the above-mentioned project with respect to the threatened and endangered species identified. Our review of the endangered species list and summary of findings are attached, as well as a map of the project location.

If you have reason to disagree with our finding, or if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me within thirty days.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew H. Granskog". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "A" and "G".

Andrew H. Granskog, PE
State Environmental Coordinator

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MEMORANDUM

TO: USDA Rural Development Environmental File

FROM: Andrew H. Granskog, PE; RD State Environmental Coordinator

DATE: June 1, 2009

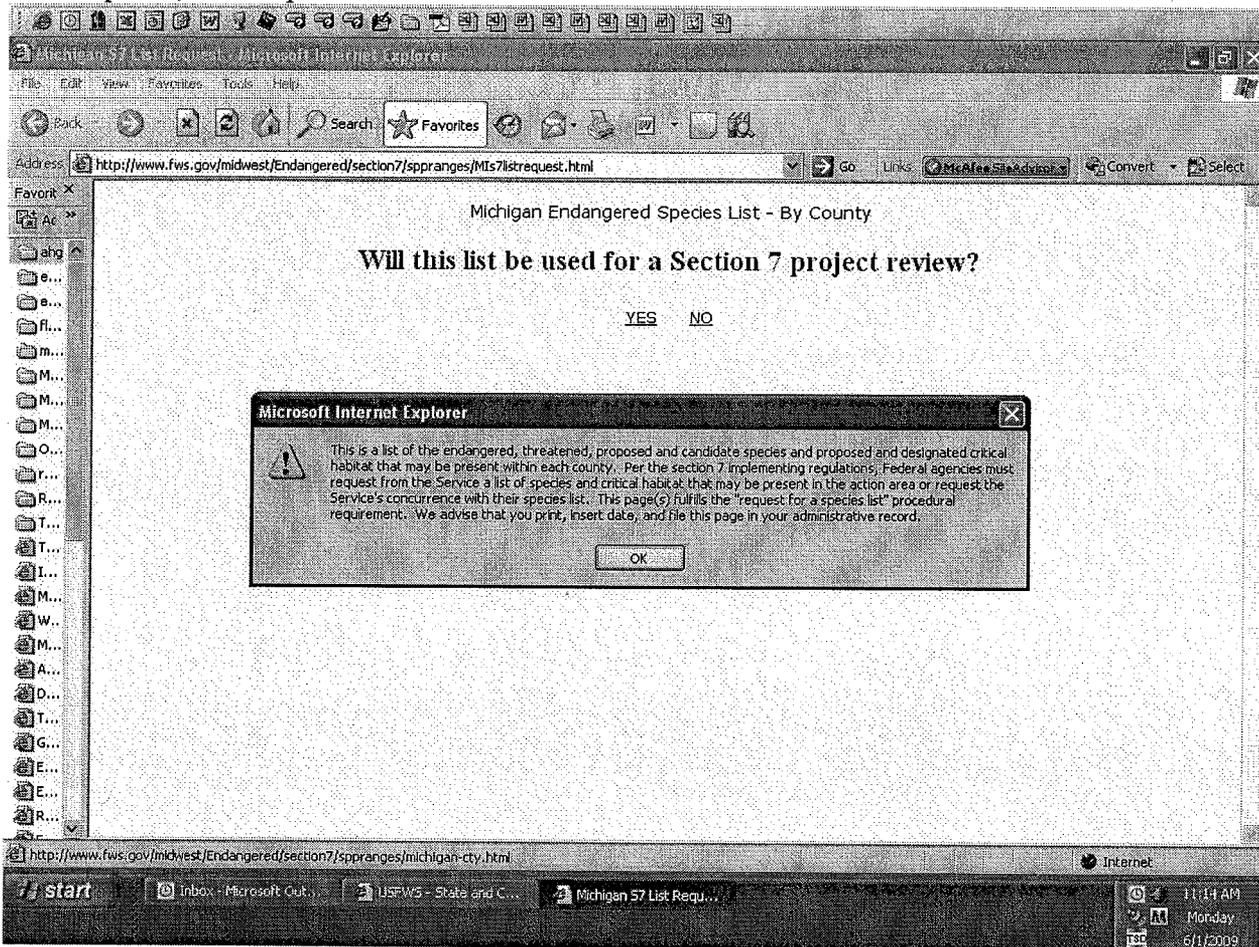
RE: Section 7 Endangered Species Act Consultation – Fremont Community Anaerobic Digester

The City of Fremont is in the process of applying to USDA Rural Development for funding for construction of a community anaerobic digester at their industrial park and is completing a NEPA review for the project. The project construction schedule is yet to be determined. A project description and map are attached.

USDA Rural Development reviewed the US Fish and Wildlife technical assistance website on the above-mentioned date for federally listed threatened and endangered species. The species list is provided as a screen print attached to this memo. None of the habitats listed for the threatened or endangered species identified are present at the project location. The project location is the existing industrial park, which was formerly farmed agricultural land, not critical biological habitat.

For these reasons, we conclude that the above-mentioned project will have “no effect” on listed species, their habitats, or proposed or designated critical habitat.

Screen prints, of the species list are attached.



Endangered Species in Michigan - county distribution - Microsoft Internet Explorer

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			wild lupines (<i>Lupinus perennis</i>), the only known food plant of larvae.
	Pitcher's thistle (<i>Cirsium pitcheri</i>)	Threatened	Stabilized dunes and blowout areas
Newaygo	Eastern massasauga (<i>Sistrurus catenatus catenatus</i>)	Candidate	
	Karner blue butterfly (<i>Lycaeides melissa samuelis</i>)	Endangered	Pine barrens and oak savannas on sandy soils and containing wild lupines (<i>Lupinus perennis</i>), the only known food plant of larvae.
Oakland	Indiana bat (<i>Myotis sodalis</i>)	Endangered	Summer habitat includes small to medium river and stream corridors with well developed riparian woods; woodlots within 1 to 3 miles of small to medium rivers and streams; and upland

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June 19, 2007

LORI SARGENT
ENDANGERED SPECIES SPECIALIST
MDNR, NATURAL HERITAGE WILDLIFE DIVISION
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LANSING MI 48909-7680

RE: Fremont Community Anaerobic Digester

Dear LORI SARGENT:

We are requesting your comments regarding the above proposed project in Newaygo County. This project consists of constructing an Anaerobic Digester in the City of Fremont's Industrial Park.

The site is located in the City of Fremont, Newaygo County, Michigan. The property is situated in Section 3, Township 12 North, Range 14 West, City of Fremont, Newaygo County. A map is enclosed for your convenience.

Please send us your comments regarding the presence of endangered species for this proposed project location to:

USDA, Rural Development
ATTN: Paula Gromak
1075 Cleaver Road
P.O. Box 291
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If you have any questions or I can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact my office at 989-673-7588 x 120.

Sincerely,

Paula Gromak
Business Cooperative Specialist

Enclosure

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