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Calvert Cliffs Combined License Site Visit Regarding the Phase I Mitigation Plan Activities and the Puritan Tiger Beetle Habitat

Overview

In February 2009 the Phase I Mitigation Plan was submitted to the State of Maryland and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) by Calvert Cliffs 3 Nuclear Project, LLC and UniStar Nuclear Operating Services, LLC (collectively referred to as UniStar). A site visit was requested, by the Corps, to clarify the proximity of planned mitigation activities to the Puritan tiger beetle habitat and to examine if any of these activities had the potential to disturb that habitat. Because activities could affect the habitat, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and Corps staff sought an understanding of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (FWS) opinion. The site visit was held at the Calvert Cliffs site on April 7, 2009.

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Site Visit Observations

During the site visit, participants conducted a site walk of the barge dock area, Camp Conoy area, and the stream restoration areas downstream and east from Camp Conoy.

Adult tiger beetles have been observed on the beach at the barge dock area and on the beach near the site of the proposed stream mitigation area east of former Camp Conoy. Additionally, larvae likely inhabit the cliffs near the same proposed stream mitigation area. Adult tiger beetles sometimes move toward the barge area away from the beach area. The planned mitigation near the barge is outside of the buffer zone, but because adults have been observed in the area, FWS would recommend a time-of-year restriction for work to occur in this area.

The proposed stream mitigation area east of Camp Conoy includes cliffs where larvae reside. The larval stage of the tiger beetle lasts two years. Currently the area along the cliff has an eroding cut that extends landward from the cliff approximately 15 feet. The Phase I Mitigation Plan proposes activities to stabilize the stream cut at the cliff. FWS expressed concerns about the work that is proposed in this area because of its proximity to current habitat. FWS would recommend that a time-of-year restriction be implemented so that work in this area would not occur during larval hatchings, adult foraging, and reproduction timeframes. FWS also recommended a 100-foot restriction for beach work centered on the mid-line of the existing stream at the landward interface with the beach. UniStar agreed to FWS recommendations on the time-of-year and spatial restrictions and committed to sending a letter to the NRC and the Corps communicating the commitment. New maps would be developed highlighting the areas where no work would occur during the time-of-year restriction and would be included in the Phase II Mitigation Plan. FWS also expressed the need to evaluate the plant species that were being considered for planting along the stream area near the cliff. Plant species that would not spread into areas on or near the cliff would be ideal to ensure the sandy, loose soils that the tiger beetle needs to lay eggs would not be affected by the mitigation plan. The phase II Mitigation Plan was submitted by UniStar to the Maryland Department of the Environment on December 8, 2009, and is currently under review.

The staff then conducted a walkdown of the stream restoration areas upstream of the cliff area. This area included a network of streams and ponds in a woodland wetland area upstream of the Camp Conoy area. Tiger beetle habitat is not located in this area upstream.

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