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July 6, 2004

Laura Morland
Mead and Hunt Inc.
6501 Watts Road
Madison, Wisconsin 53719

Re: Capital City Airport Environmental Assessment, Clinton County, Michigan

Dear Ms. Morland:

Thank you for your May 3, June 1, and June 10 correspondence regarding the proposed improvements to the Capital City Airport in Clinton County, Michigan. These comments are prepared under the authority of the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act and are consistent with section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended.

Endangered Species Act Comments

Our files do not indicate the presence of any federally endangered, threatened, or proposed species, or designated or proposed critical habitat, in the action area. If the project requires modification, or new information becomes available that suggests species listed or proposed for listing may be present and/or affected, you should initiate consultation with us as required by section 7 of the Act. Since threatened and endangered species data changes continuously, we recommend you contact this office for an updated Federal list of the species occurring in the project area every six months during the remaining planning and building period.

Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act Comments

Initial information indicates wetlands and streams are present within or near the proposed project area. If, in the future, the proposed work requires a Michigan Department of Environmental Quality permit, our office would have review responsibilities. In the review of these permit applications, we may concur (with or without stipulations) or object to permit issuance depending upon whether specific construction practices may impact public trust fish and wildlife resources of concern.

We have no additional comments on the proposed action at this time. We would be happy to review and comment on the Draft EA when it is available. Please refer any questions directly to Jack Dingleline of this office at (517) 351-6320 or the above address.

Sincerely,

Craig A. Czarnecki
Field Supervisor