16 October 2019

Rebecca Harris Duffield Associates, Inc. Wilmington, DE 19808

Re: DUFF 2019 Edgemoor Container Port

Dear Ms. Harris,

Thank you for contacting the Species Conservation and Research Program (SCRP) about information on rare, threatened and endangered species, unique natural communities, and other significant natural resources as they relate to the above referenced project.

State Natural Heritage Site

A review of our database indicates that there are currently no records of state-rare or federally listed plants, animals or natural communities at this project site. As a result, at present, this project does <u>not</u> lie within a State Natural Heritage Site, <u>nor</u> does it lie within a Delaware National Estuarine Research Reserve which are two criteria used to identify "Designated Critical Resource Waters" in the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) Nationwide Permit General Condition No. 22. A copy of this letter shall be included in any permit application or pre-construction notification submitted to the Army Corps of Engineers for activities on this property.

Fisheries

The location of this project on the Delaware River is known habitat of the Atlantic Sturgeon (*Acipenser oxyrinchus*) and Shortnose Sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*), two species that are listed as Endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) must be consulted under Section 7 of the ESA regarding potential impacts that this project may have on these species. Furthermore, the Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife is requesting that no in-water work occur from March 15th through June 30th to minimize impacts to Sturgeon and other commercially and recreationally valuable species during their spawning periods.

We are continually updating our records on Delaware's rare, threatened and endangered species, unique natural communities and other significant natural resources. If the start of the project is delayed more than a year past the date of this letter, please contact us again for the latest information.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or if you require additional information.

Sincerely,

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