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Gregory Voight
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US Environmental Protection Agency
Region III
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029

Re: PA Ammonia Water Quality Standards

Dear Mr. Voight:

We have completed our consultation under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) in response to your letter dated August 29, 2019, as updated and received on September 24, 2019, regarding the above-referenced proposed action. We reviewed your consultation request document and related materials. Based on our knowledge, expertise, and your materials, we concur with your conclusion that the proposed action is not likely to adversely affect any National Marine Fisheries Service ESA-listed species or designated critical habitat. Therefore, no further consultation pursuant to section 7 of the ESA is required.

Reinitiation of consultation is required and shall be requested by the Federal agency or by us, where discretionary Federal involvement or control over the action has been retained or is authorized by law and: (a) If new information reveals effects of the action that may affect listed species or critical habitat in a manner or to an extent not previously considered in the consultation; (b) If the identified action is subsequently modified in a manner that causes an effect to the listed species or critical habitat that was not considered in this consultation; or (c) If a new species is listed or critical habitat designated that may be affected by the identified action. No take is anticipated or exempted. If there is any incidental take of a listed species, reinitiation would be required. Should you have any questions about this correspondence please contact Chris Vaccaro at (978) 281-9167 or by email at Christine.Vaccaro@noaa.gov.

For questions related to Essential Fish Habitat please contact Kristy Beard with our Habitat Conservation Division at (301)-427-8413 or at kristy.beard@noaa.gov.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Anderson
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for Protected Resources

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