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Mr. Dan Wankel, P.E.
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Re: FWS #14-EC-0065

Dear Mr. Wankel:

Thank you for your e-mail received May 15, 2014, regarding compliance with the Endangered Species Act (ESA) in reporting requirements for the City of Kingsport Small MS4 permit (TNS075388) program in Sullivan and Hawkins Counties, Tennessee. We appreciate the detailed information regarding your specific program requirements, regulations, and monitored outfall locational data. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service personnel have reviewed this information and offer the following comments.

Review of our endangered species database indicates that the federally threatened spotfin chub (*Erimonax monachus*) may occur in the Moccasin Creek and North Fork Holston River watersheds in the northern portions of Kingsport. Also, two insects presently considered to be a "species of concern" (Sevier snowfly and Cherokee clubtail) are also known from small streams or wetlands within or adjacent to your jurisdictional boundaries. All of these aquatic species benefit from MS4 practices that improve water and habitat quality. In addition to the aquatic species listed above, you should be aware that, while there are presently no known records in your jurisdiction, the recently proposed federally endangered Northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*) and endangered Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*) may be found in trees with appropriate summer roost habitat within your jurisdiction. We appreciate the efforts of Kingsport's stormwater management program in helping to ensure that the quantity and quality of stormwater discharges from development activities in upland areas protect the water quality of the receiving streams within your jurisdictional boundaries and in downstream areas.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Alexander of my staff at 931/528-6481, ext. 210, or via e-mail at steven_alexander@fws.gov.

Sincerely,



for

Mary E. Jennings
Field Supervisor

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