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IN REPLY REFER TO

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**RE: Species Impact Review (SIR) – Rare, Candidate, Threatened and Endangered Species
VAUGHAN RAILROAD COMPANY
GREENE COUNTY, Pennsylvania**

Dear Ms. DAWKINS:

I have reviewed the map accompanying your recent correspondence which concerns the above referenced project. Based on records maintained in the Pennsylvania Natural Diversity Inventory (PNDI) database and Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission files, **rare and protected freshwater mussel species under our jurisdiction are known from the vicinity of the proposed project site.**

Given the status and sensitivity of the species of concern, we will need more information to allow for a more thorough evaluation of potential adverse impacts from the proposed projects. Items such as basic site plans and narrative, aerial maps of the general area, characterizations of the habitat to be disturbed (stream width, depth, flow, bottom type, aquatic vegetation present), acreage to be impacted and on-site color photographs (keyed to a site map or diagram) would expedite our review process. Pending the review of this information, a survey for the species of concern may be warranted.

If you have any questions regarding this response, please call Nevin Welte at 814-359-5234 and refer to the **SIR number** at the top of this letter. Thank you for your cooperation and attention to this matter of endangered species conservation and habitat protection.

Sincerely,

Christopher A. Urban, Chief
Natural Diversity Section

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c: DEP SW Region