# **Dutton, Rich (KYTC)**

From:

Dawson, Douglas (KYTC)

Sent:

Tuesday, July 10, 2001 2:58 PM

To:

Dutton, Rich (KYTC)

Cc:

Vinegar, Tony (KYTC); Morris, Gina - (KYTC-Envir. Analysis)

Subject:

Livingston Co. Item No. 01-0330.00

Rich,

An Environmental Overview was completed for the subject project on 05/15/01. The project was in the process of being coordinated with USFWS. We have received a response letter from USFWS concerning the subject project. USFWS states "NO LISTED, PROPOSED, OR CANDIDATE SPECIES" known to occur within the project corridor. The USFWS has a given this project a coordination number of 04-C-01-2082. Relay this information to the appropriate people.

Thanks,

Doug



# Commonwealth of Kentucky

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### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Richard Davis, Environmental Coordinator

District 1, Paducah

FROM:

Doug Dawson, Environmental Scientist, I

**Ecology Section** 

DATE:

May 15, 2001

SUBJECT:

**Environmental Overview** 

Livingston County, Reconstruction of US 60 from the Tennessee River to Ledbetter

Item No. 01-0330.00

Attached is an Environmental Overview completed on May 14, 2001 that addresses environmental concerns associated with the subject project. A topographic map is also attached which shows the location of known ecological concerns within the project corridor. Provision of this data does not constitute environmental clearance for the subject project nor does it imply regulatory compliance.

Please keep us informed on the proposed project and continue to coordinate with the appropriate DEA personnel. If you need additional information or if we can help in any other way please contact us at (502) 564-7250. Thank You.

DAD

Cc:

Rich Dutton

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# ECOLOGY SECTION ENVIRONMENTAL OVERVIEW WORKSHEET

#### I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION 01-0330.00 ITEM #: REVIEWED BY: Doug Dawson ROUTE: US 60 03/12/2001 ASSIGNED: Livingston COUNTY: DUE DATE: 05/15/2001 Relocate approximately 3 miles of LIMITS: COMPLETED: 05/14/2001 US 60, from east of the Tennessee River to east of Ledbetter. STATUS: II. LOCATION FEATURES PHYSIOGRAPHIC REGION: Kutawa Hills QUADRANGLE: Paducah East & Little Cypress DRAINAGE: Tennessee River IMPACTED WATERS: Tennessee River SPECIAL USE WATERS: Designated as an Outstanding Resource Water

KNREPC STREAM DESIG:

SOIL INFO:

The Tennessee River is considered a state Outstanding Resource Water.

are hydric due to flooding if they occur at elevations below 322 feet.

FED END SPEC COORD:

The proposed project was sent to USFWS on 04/06/2001. KYTC is currently waiting for a response from the USFWS on possible listed endangered species which may occur within the proposed project corridor.

Livingston Co. Survey Sheets 25 & 26. Soils within the corridor include Peoga, Karnak, Elk,

Otwell, Henshaw, Wheeling, & Chavies. Peoga & Karnak are hydric soils. All other soils listed

#### III. IMPACT EVALUATION

#### IV. IMPACT EVALUATION COMMENTS

SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGICAL AREA	Minimum; See Comments
STATE AND NAT CHAMP TREES:	None
REGIST NATIONAL LANDMARKS:	None
KSNPC DESIG/PROP PRESERVES:	None
FED THRT AND END SPECIES:	Indeterminate
KSNPC SPECIES:	None
WETLAND ENCROACHMENT:	Minimum; See Comments
FLOODLPLAIN ENCROACHMENT:	Minimum
STATE/FED WILD/SCENIC RIVERS:	None
VALUABLE AQUATIC RESOURCE:	Minimum
IMPACTS TO SPECIAL USE WATERS	None
WATER QUALITY:	Minimum
CONC SHELLFISH AREA:	None
MUNICIPAL WATER INTAKE:	None; See Comments
UNIQUE GEOLOGICAL AREAS:	None
ACID YIELDING GEOLOGY:	None
KARST LANDSCAPES:	None

The Kentucky Nature Preserves Commission has a designated Critical Area within close proximity to the project. Chestnut Lake is located outside the proposed corridor and should not be impacted by the project. Continued avoidance of this area is recommended. The project is in the process of being coordinated with the USFWS in accordance with the Endangered Species Act. We anticipate endangered species being listed for the subject project. If species are listed a Biological Assessment will have to be completed during the appropriate sampling season. Impacts to wetland habitats are anticipated with the subject project. When developing plans every effort should be made to avoid or minimize wetland impacts. Using spans over slough areas and steepening side slopes will minimize impacts to wetlands. Wetland areas that can not be avoided will have to be mitigated for either On-site, Off-site, or a combination of the two. Also located within close proximity to the project is the public water well for Ledbetter. The public water well is currently being avoided. Also within the project corridor are several personal water wells. Strict erosion control measures need to be utilized to insure the protection of drinking water in the area.

#### V. POTENTIAL COORDINATION

PUB OWNED PARK, WF, WL, REF:

Not Required

NAT WILD SCEN RIV/PROP ADD:

Not Required

WETLANDS:

Indeterminate

CHANNEL CHANGE:

Indeterminate

FED THRT \_END SPEC:

Indeterminate

COORD COMMENTS:

Project is in the process of being coordinated with the USFWS service. KYTC is waiting for a response from USFWS. Impacts to wetlands and streams are not known at this time. Dependent upon impacts to wetlands and/or streams coordination with USACOE and KDOW is a possibility.

#### VI. RECOMMENDED ADDITIONAL WORK OR INFORMATION

FIELD INVEST:

Will be conducted to evaluate impacts once plans are developed.

ADD PROJ INFO: Plans will be needed to determine if ecological impacts exist and the extent of impacts.

**ENV ASSESS:** 

Dependent upon extent of impacts.

**BIOL ASSESS:** 

A Biological Assessment will be completed if USFWS lists endangered species for the project. We anticipate federally listed species for the subject project.

## VII. ENVIRONMENTAL OVERVIEW SUMMARY

DISCUSSION:

The potential for several significant ecological impacts exist with the proposed project. However; if the the reconstruction of US 60 stays close to the existing US 60, impacts should be minimal.

Impacts to wetland habits are anticipated with the subject project. Impacts to wetland habitats can be minimized by spanning areas designated as sloughs and not placing fill in wetland areas. Non-avoidable wetland impacts will require mitigation.

Strict erosion control measures will need to be utilized to insure the safety of the area drinking water and to protect the overall quality of the areas watershed.

If the USFWS lists federally endangered species as possibly occurring within the project corridor a Biological Assessment for the listed species will have to be completed.

A set of plans will be needed to determine ecological impacts for the subject project.

