

**FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION**  
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**OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS**

Project No. 10855-127—Michigan  
Dead River Project  
Upper Peninsula Power Company

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**Subject: Silver Lake Reservoir rebuild temporary nuisance plant control plan**

**Dear Mr. Jensky:**

This is in reference to the material filed on June 25, 2008, to comply with the June 6, 2008 letter from the Director of the Commission's Office of Energy Projects (OEP) authorizing the licensee to proceed with project reconstruction. The June 6 letter requires you to file temporary nuisance plant control measures to be followed during the Silver Lake Reservoir rebuild. The temporary measures should be prepared in consultation with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS).

In your plan you state that any watercraft or barges that may be used in the construction process will be inspected for zebra mussels, rusty crayfish, or standing water within the watercraft. The plan outlines measures to be followed to prevent the introduction of these species to Silver Lake. The plan also includes measures to prevent the introduction of nuisance terrestrial species.

You state that annual reports on surveys and any control activities will be filed by August 31 beginning in 2009 and continuing through 2011. If any noxious species persist beyond this time period the licensee will consult with the MDNR and FWS. If this consultation results in changes to the plan, the plan will be updated and filed for Commission approval. The licensee will monitor and control for newly identified species as recommended by the MDNR and FWS through the end of 2013.

The filed plan satisfies the requirements of the June 2008 authorization to proceed letter. If you have any questions, or need additional information, please call me at (202) 502-6012.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca M. Martin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R'.

Rebecca M. Martin  
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