

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
DIVISION OF RECLAMATION

**\*\*POLICY/PROCEDURE DIRECTIVE\*\***

Permitting 88-3

Subject: Endangered or Threatened Species  
Effective: February 24, 1988  
Purpose: To establish procedures for the coal permitting staff when endangered or threatened species are found within the proposed permit limits of a coal mining application.

If the field ES finds an endangered or threatened species during the application field review, it will be noted in the revision comments to the Columbus office and a memo will be sent to the Division of Natural Areas & Preserves (NAP) at Fountain Square, Building F-1, with a copy going to Mike Nishimura (see attached). A copy should also be attached to the field revision comments sent to Columbus. (Note, the map referenced in the memo does not have to be an application map; an 8 1/2" x 11" copy noting approximate locations should be satisfactory. Also, the "Comments" section may be used for additional location information.)

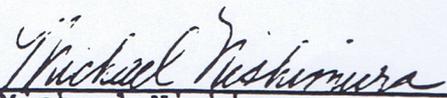
NAP will evaluate the finding according to their regulations and in-house data base and act accordingly. Note, however, it will be NAP's responsibility to notify the Division in a timely manner regarding their intentions. Processing of an application will not be delayed as long as the applicant complies with the coal mining and reclamation law and rules.

When the application manager prepares the revision letter, and assuming nothing to the contrary has been received from NAP, our basic revision comment will be as follows:

Page 22, D(18); indicate the name of the endangered or threatened species within the proposed permit area and address how impacts to the species will be minimized. (Note, the Division strongly suggests that you avoid the endangered or threatened species if possible.)

Naturally, if timely, legitimate comments are received from NAP, our revision comment may be revised accordingly.

Attachment

  
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Michael Nishimura