



August 26, 2025

IN REPLY REFER TO

SIR# 61581

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Clara Trueblood

11 Stanwix Street

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15220

**RE: Species Impact Review (SIR) – Rare, Candidate, Threatened and Endangered Species
PNDI Search No. 840101_1
Transco Northeast Supply Enhancement Expansion Project Quarryville Loop
Drumore Township, East Drumore Township, Eden Township: LANCASTER County**

Dear Clara Trueblood:

This responds to your updated inquiry about a Pennsylvania Natural Diversity Inventory (PNDI) Internet Database search “potential conflict” or a threatened and endangered species impact review. These projects are screened for potential conflicts with rare, candidate, threatened or endangered species under Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission jurisdiction (fish, reptiles, amphibians, aquatic invertebrates only) using the Pennsylvania Natural Diversity Inventory (PNDI) database and our own files. These species of special concern are listed under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, the Wild Resource Conservation Act, and the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Code (Chapter 75), or the Wildlife Code.

Broad-headed Skink (*Plestiodon laticeps*, Candidate)

Previous consultation for the project requested completion of a habitat assessment to determine potential impacts. On August 12, you submitted a report, conducted by Brandon Ruhe (Skelly & Loy) which evaluated the habitats on site to determine their potential to support the species of concern. According to the report, dated August 8, 2025, the site does not contain potential habitat for the Broad-headed Skink. **We concur with the results of your evaluation; therefore, we do not foresee the proposed project resulting in adverse impacts to the Broad-headed Skink.**

This response represents the most up-to-date summary of the PNDI data and our files and is valid for two (2) years from the date of this letter. An absence of recorded species information does not necessarily imply species absence. Our data files and the PNDI system are continuously being updated with species occurrence information. Should project plans change or additional information on listed or proposed species become available, this determination may be reconsidered, and consultation shall be re-initiated.

If you have any questions regarding this review, please contact Greg Lech at 814-470-6776 or glech@pa.gov and refer to the SIR # 61581. Thank you for your cooperation and attention to this important matter of species conservation and habitat protection.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Lech". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Greg" and last name "Lech" clearly distinguishable.

Greg Lech
Resource Extraction Section

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