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Dear Ms. Harris,

Re: Comments on 1st Post-Construction Monitoring Report for the Wolfe Island EcoPower Centre

Environment Canada has reviewed the initial post-construction monitoring report for the Wolfe Island EcoPower Centre and is satisfied with the document. Given the short time span of monitoring (May 7th to June 30th), the fact that the time span may be in one of the less 'risky' periods (as compared to the bat migration period or the winter raptor period), the gradual phasing in of the operational turbines, and the impacts of construction on scavenging studies meaningful conclusions based on the results are difficult to derive. We recommend that the monitoring continue as outlined in the Post-Construction Follow-up Plan.

Thank you for providing us with the initial post-construction monitoring report for review. We look forward to the opportunity to review the next bi-annual monitoring report.

Sincerely,

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