

**AEP OHIO TRANSMISSION COMPANY'S RESPONSE TO
OHIO POWER SITING BOARD STAFF'S
DISCOVERY REQUEST
OPSB CASE 23-0040-EL-BLN
SECOND SET**

INTERROGATORY

DR-02-001

1) Please describe any temporary wetland impacts and include the quantities (acres) and locations.

RESPONSE

No temporary wetland impacts are anticipated for the Project.

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INTERROGATORY

DR-02-002 1) The Application states that three intermittent streams and one perineal stream were identified within the project area. However, the document later describes that two perineal streams would be crossed by the project. Please clarify the types of streams in the project area and which streams are anticipated to be crossed by the project.

RESPONSE

Four streams were identified within the Ecological Survey Corridor for the Project (Stream AS-1 Intermittent; Stream AS-2, Intermittent; Stream AS-3, Intermittent; Stream AS-5, Perennial).

Three streams are located within the Project ROW (Stream AS-1, Stream AS-3, and Stream AS-5).

Two streams are crossed by the Project (Stream AS-1 and Stream AS-5).

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DR-02-003

1) The Application states that no permanent impacts to streams are anticipated due to the lack of structures located within streams. Please describe any temporary impacts to streams including locations and quantities. If any streams would be crossed by vehicles, please describe the crossing methods.

RESPONSE

No permanent or temporary impacts to streams are anticipated for the Project. Additionally, no streams are anticipated to be crossed by vehicles.

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INTERROGATORY

DR-02-004

1) The coordination letters from the ODNR and the USFWS are a few years old. Due to new listed bat species in the area, and that the Applicant anticipates the need for tree clearing within the restricted season, Staff would like to be provided with updated coordination letters.

a. Current coordination letters from the ODNR typically now include recommendations that a desktop habitat assessment is conducted, followed by a field assessment if needed, to determine if a potential bat hibernaculum is present within 0.25 mile of the Project area. Was such a study completed by the Applicant? If so, please share the results.

RESPONSE

Additional coordination with USFWS and ODNR was completed in February and March 2023, respectively. Please see attached coordination, which provides concurrence that the wooded areas within the Project area are not considered suitable habitat for listed bat species.

a. A desktop hibernaculum study has not been conducted for the Project, however, a desktop habitat assessment for potential hibernaculum present within 0.25 miles can be conducted for the Project and provided by early April.

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