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Memorandum

To: Restoration Program Manager, Department of the Interior

From: **ACTING** Regional Director, Region 3

Subject: Request for Release of Funds for Restoration Activities from the Department's Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration Fund (NRDARF) for the Bronson Industrial Area Site, Michigan (Project 0229)

We request the release of all of the remaining funds from the NRDARF under the terms of a consent decree for the Bronson Industrial Site (DOJ Case No. 90-11-2-1311). As of February 27, 2011, the remaining fund balance for restoration activities at this site shown on the NRDARF's secure website was \$39,650.39. The restoration plan was provided to your office in January 2008.

These funds are to be released to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for the continued restoration and/or enhancement of warm season grasslands, wetlands, in-stream habitat, and riparian corridors on private lands associated with the Swan Creek watershed in Branch and Saint Joseph Counties, Michigan. This work is being conducted by the Service's Partner's For Fish and Wildlife Program in cooperation with the Branch County Conservation District and is consistent with the Restoration Plan. The Department of the Interior is the only natural resource trustee which is a party to this decree, and the Service's Regional Director of Region 3 is the Authorized Official.

If you have any questions, or need further clarification of this request, please contact Dr. Lisa Williams, East Lansing, Michigan, Ecological Services Field Office at 517-351-8324 or Dr. Annette Trowbridge, Environmental Quality Program Manager, Region 3, at 612-713-5104.

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