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Memorandum

To:

Program Manager, Restoration Program, Department of the Interior

From:

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 Site, MI (Project 0229)

We request the release of \$20,000 from the NRDARF under the terms of a consent decree for the Bronson Industrial Site (DOJ Case No. 90-11-2-1311). 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.

If you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance, please contact Frank J. Horvath, Chief, Branch of Damage Assessment and Response, Region 3 at (612) 713-5336 or Dr. Stephanie Millsap, East Lansing, Michigan, Ecological Services Field Office at 734-692-7628.

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