

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

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Josh Koppel
Borrego Solar Systems, Inc.
30 Century Hill Drive, Suite 301
Latham, NY 12110

Re: Solar array, 217A Altamont Road
County: Albany Town/City: New Scotland

Dear Mr. Koppel:

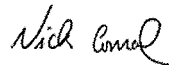
In response to your recent request, we have reviewed the New York Natural Heritage Program database with respect to the above project.

Enclosed is a report of rare or state-listed animals and plants, and significant natural communities that our database indicates occur in the vicinity of the project site.

For most sites, comprehensive field surveys have not been conducted; the enclosed report only includes records from our database. We cannot provide a definitive statement as to the presence or absence of all rare or state-listed species or significant natural communities. Depending on the nature of the project and the conditions at the project site, further information from on-site surveys or other sources may be required to fully assess impacts on biological resources.

The presence of the plants and animals identified in the enclosed report may result in this project requiring additional review or permit conditions. For further guidance, and for information regarding other permits that may be required under state law for regulated areas or activities (e.g., regulated wetlands), please contact the NYS DEC Region 4 Office, Division of Environmental Permits, dep.r4@dec.ny.gov, 518-357-2449.

Sincerely,



Nicholas Conrad
Information Resources Coordinator
New York Natural Heritage Program

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**The following state-listed animals have been documented
in the vicinity of the project site.**

The following list includes animals that are listed by NYS as Endangered, Threatened, or Special Concern; and/or that are federally listed or are candidates for federal listing.

For information about any permit considerations for the project, contact the NYSDEC Region 4 Office, Division of Environmental Permits, dep.r4@dec.ny.gov, 518-357-2449.

The following species have been documented within 1/3 mile of the project site.

<i>COMMON NAME</i>	<i>SCIENTIFIC NAME</i>	<i>NY STATE LISTING</i>	<i>FEDERAL LISTING</i>
Least Bittern <i>Breeding</i>	<i>Ixobrychus exilis</i>	Threatened	
Sedge Wren <i>Breeding</i>	<i>Cistothorus platensis</i>	Threatened	
Pied-billed Grebe <i>Breeding</i>	<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>	Threatened	

The following species has been documented within two miles of the project site; another location is within three miles. Individual animals may travel five miles or more from documented locations. The main impact of concern for bats is the removal of potential roost trees.

<i>COMMON NAME</i>	<i>SCIENTIFIC NAME</i>	<i>NY STATE LISTING</i>	<i>FEDERAL LISTING</i>
Northern Long-eared Bat <i>Winter hibernaculum</i>	<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>	Threatened	Threatened

This report only includes records from the NY Natural Heritage database.

If any rare plants or animals are documented during site visits, we request that information on the observations be provided to the New York Natural Heritage Program so that we may update our database.

Information about many of the listed animals in New York, including habitat, biology, identification, conservation, and management, are available online in Natural Heritage's Conservation Guides at www.guides.nynhp.org, and from NYSDEC at www.dec.ny.gov/animals/7494.html.