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Dear Ms. Teas,

Subject: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FROM EAST
COAST SEA TURTLE STRANDING DATABASE

Incidental captures of sea turtles have occurred at our Oyster Creek Generating Station facility on several occasions during the 1990's as well as earlier this year. After Consultation with National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) beginning in 1994 in accordance with Section 7(a) of the Endangered Species Act (ESA), a Biological Opinion for our facility which included an Incidental Take Statement (ITS) was issued September 21, 1995. The Biological Opinion concluded that "...continued operation of (the OCNGS) ... may adversely affect listed sea turtles, but is not likely to jeopardize their continued existence." Because the original Biological Opinion was issued for a period of five years ending in September 2000, we have requested reinitiation of formal consultation and prepared and submitted to the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) an updated Biological Assessment (BA) of the potential impacts of our facility. However, NMFS has requested that we supplement our BA to include additional information, which you can be instrumental in providing. Specifically, the following information is needed before formal consultation can proceed:

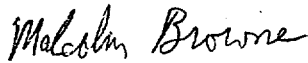
- Sea turtle strandings in the State of New Jersey from 1985 to Present, sorted by Species and Month of stranding; and
- Sea turtle strandings in the State of New Jersey from 1985 to Present, sorted by Species and County of stranding.

Could you please prepare a database query of the Atlantic sea turtle strandings database to extract the requested information and provide me with a copy of the information? I have repeatedly attempted to contact you by telephone, but unfortunately have been unable to discuss this request with you.

ADD: James Wilkin
to Eric
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However, I would be glad to discuss it with you should you have any questions about the request. Please contact me either by telephone at (609) 971-4124 or by email at mbrowne@amergenenergy.com.

Very truly yours,



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