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SUBJECT: SURRY POWER STATION UNITS 1 AND 2 - BASES CHANGES FOR
AUXILIARY VENTILATION REQUIREMENTS (TAC NOS. MB0899 AND MB0900)

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This completes our effort under TAC Nos. MB0899 and MB0900 and the TACs are closed.

If you have any questions, please call me at (301) 415-1448.

Sincerely,

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