

August 28, 2001

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SUBJECT: BIOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT OF IMPACTS TO THREATENED,
ENDANGERED, AND CANDIDATE SPECIES AT TURKEY POINT UNITS 3
AND 4

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Sincerely,

/RA/Signed by C. Carpenter

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