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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RE: MIXED OXIDE LEAD FUEL ASSEMBLIES
(TAC NOS. MC0824 AND MC0825)

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Sincerely,

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