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In accordance with Section 382 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, 16 USC § 1466 (2006), the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), as the lead Federal permitting agency for renewal of the OCNGS operating license, maintains, with cooperation of Federal and State administrative agencies, a consolidated record for consistency appeals under the CZMA. To ensure the completeness of this consolidated record, please provide documents reflecting all decisions made or actions taken (whether pending or final) by your agency related to the proposed renewal of the OCNGS license and or the CZMA consistency determination, including any supporting documentation or other documents relevant to such decision documents.

Please provide copies of your agency's documents within fourteen (14) days from receipt of this letter. If further information is required, please contact the project managers, Mr. David Wrona at 301-415-2292 or by e-mail at DJW1@nrc.gov; or Dr. Michael T. Masnik at 301-415-1191 or by e-mail at MTM2@nrc.gov.

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