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CONTROL ROD DROP TIME TEST CRITERIA, BASES CHANGE
(TAC NOS. MA8232 AND MA8233)

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This completes our effort under TAC Nos. MA8232 and MA8233, and the TACs are closed.

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

Sincerely,

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