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Dear Mr. Blum:

This is in response to a letter of September 26, 2002, from Scott B. Gudes, Deputy Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, to Chairman Meserve requesting the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's comments on the administrative appeal brought by the Millennium Pipeline Company before the Secretary of Commerce pursuant to the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA).

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has no comments to offer relating to the two substantive grounds for an override provided in the CZMA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Stephen G. Burns".

Stephen G. Burns
Deputy General Counsel