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SUBJECT: CATAWBA NUCLEAR STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2 - POSITION ON TECHNICAL
SPECIFICATIONS FOR STEAM GENERATOR INSPECTION
(TAC NOS. MB7842 AND MB7843)

Dear Mr. Peterson:

By letter dated February 25, 2003, you submitted an application for amendment to change the requirements for inspection of the steam generators. By letter dated April 30, 2003, we sent you a request for additional information.

Our review has determined that there is a problem with one area of your application for amendment. The proposed Technical Specification (TS) Surveillance Requirement (SR) 3.4.13.2 requires verification that primary-to-secondary leakage is less than or equal to 150 gallons per day through any one steam generator. The proposed frequency in SR 3.4.13.2 is in accordance with the Steam Generator Program. After review, we have concluded that the frequency must be specified in some fashion, either in the TS itself or by reference in the TS to an NRC approved program or method. Inasmuch as there is no such NRC-approved program or method, it would appear appropriate to specify the surveillance frequency in the TS. Our conclusion is based on the fact that the frequency of a required surveillance is material to the performance of the surveillance. This position is consistent with the staff's Final Policy Statement on Technical Specification Improvements for Nuclear Power Reactors, 58 FR 39132 (July 22, 1993).

Please contact me at 301 415-1419 if you have any questions on this matter.

Sincerely,

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