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Catawba Nuclear Station - Units 1 and 2 Docket Nos. 50-413 and 50-414
Plans for Assuring the Accuracy and Completeness of the UFSAR

Our letter of June 16, 1997 described Duke Energy's intentions regarding efforts to assure the continuing accuracy and completeness of the UFSAR for each of our nuclear sites. The purpose of this letter is to provide the schedule for the UFSAR review.

Phase I

Phase I of this project, which consisted of the review of UFSAR chapter 5 at all three sites utilizing the methodology described in our June 16, 1997 letter, has been completed. To date, this review has not identified any safety significant operability issues or new significant UFSAR maintenance issues.

Phase II

The following is a description of current plans for phase II of the UFSAR review project:

After some minor enhancements, the methodology as described in our June 16, 1997 letter will be continued for phase II.

The remaining UFSAR chapters have been categorized into high, medium and low priority for review based on assessment of the possibility that safety significant operability issues could be identified.

Completion dates have been projected for review of the high priority chapters (6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 15) for each of our three sites based on the results of phase I, the

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availability of the resources necessary to do this type of work, and the amount of work to be done based on the material contained in each UFSAR. The dates are as follows:

Oconee - October 1998

Catawba - July 1999

McGuire - April 1999

As the review of these high priority chapters at each site is completed, the results will be evaluated and a determination made regarding plans for review of additional chapters. It is anticipated that the results of these evaluations could range from completing the review of all remaining UFSAR chapters to limiting the review to only the high priority chapters. Additionally, since the completion schedule for the high priority chapters at two sites is beyond October 1998, Duke Power plans to have additional communication with the NRC staff on this matter.

Periodic updates to appropriate NRC staff will be provided as this work continues.

If there are any questions regarding this matter, please contact Jim Fisicaro at (704) 382-1578.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "M.S. Tuckman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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