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September 11, 1981

Mr. Elinor G. Adensam
Acting Chief
Licensing Branch No. 4
Division of Licensing
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555



Re: 4-2-81-259

Dear Mr. Adensam:

We have reviewed the proposed operation of Units 1 and 2 of the Catawba Nuclear Station in York County, South Carolina, as requested by letter of September 1, 1981, received September 3, 1981.

Based on our records, it is our belief that there are no federally listed or proposed Endangered or Threatened plant or animal species in the impact area of the project, and that the requirements of Section 7(c) are fulfilled. In view of this, we believe that you have satisfied the requirements of Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act.

Although our records indicate the absence of listed species in this area, there are several plant species which, although not now listed or officially proposed for listing as endangered or threatened, are under status review by the Service and may be listed at some time in the future. These species are not legally protected under the Endangered Species Act and the biological assessment requirements do not apply to them. However, we would appreciate any efforts you might make to avoid adversely impacting them. Those species under status review which may occur within the project area are:

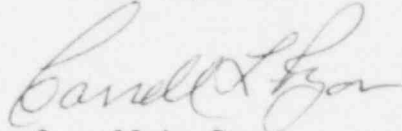
1. Isoetes melanospora
2. Amphianthus pusillus

We appreciate the invitation to join you during your visit to the site on September 22, 1981. However, because of our extremely limited travel funding, we must decline.

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This letter does not constitute a consultation as required by Section 7(a) of the Act nor a Biological Opinion of the Fish and Wildlife Service. It is intended only as a response to your request under Section 7(c) relative to biological assessments. If this plan is substantially modified so as to alter the impact area of the project, you must reconsider your obligations under Section 7(c) of the Act.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carrell L. Ryan".

Carrell L. Ryan
Acting Area Manager