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Subject: Catawba Nuclear Station  
Dockets 50-413 and 50-414  
Inspection Report 50-413, 50-414/94-24  
Notice of Commitment Extension

By letter dated October 6, 1994, the NRC issued a Notice of Violation (NOV) as described in Inspection Report 50-14, 414/94-24. The NOV cover letter also suggested that increased management attention was warranted in the area of equipment failure troubleshooting/root cause determination.

By letter dated November 7, 1994, Duke responded to this NOV, indicating that certain corrective actions would be taken. These corrective actions constituted commitments. Our response stated that a consistent root cause process had been drafted. At that time, it was anticipated that this process would be in use on a trial basis by December, 1994, and that full implementation into the work management process would occur by early 1995. Additionally, we indicated an enhanced maintenance troubleshooting procedure should be implemented by December 31, 1994, and would be integrated into the overall root cause process.

Upon further evaluation, a management decision was made to broaden the scope of our corrective actions to include developing a common troubleshooting procedure for use at all Duke nuclear sites. The development of this troubleshooting procedure is closely tied to our new Failure Investigation Process (FIP), which is currently in its final stage. The initial draft of our troubleshooting procedure has been completed and the final review and approval process is currently underway.

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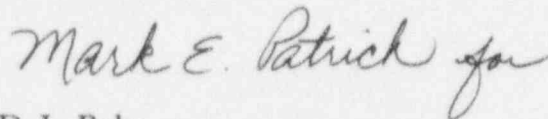
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The overall completion of these commitments will be delayed until June 1, 1995. Completion of our corrective actions will be documented in our Problem Investigation Process (PIP) 2-C94-1249, which will be made available for review during future inspections.

If there are any further questions concerning this item, please contact Kay Nicholson at (803) 831-3237.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mark E. Patrick for".

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