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RE: RII:SALP
IE Report Nos. 50-413/84-59, 50-414/84-28

Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

In response to Mr. R. C. Lewis's letter dated June 1, 1984, Duke Power Company submits the following comments concerning the SALP Board Report for the Catawba Nuclear Station.

The company appreciates the perspective offered by the NRC in the SALP Report and will utilize this input to further improve the quality of our operations. Duke has already taken actions to initiate these improvements, as delineated in previous reports or responses transmitted to the NRC. The SALP Report has been reviewed to ensure that these actions were appropriate and comprehensive for any identified weaknesses and to assist management in focusing future actions and involvement in particular areas of station operation. As a result of this review, Duke has the following specific comments on the SALP Report:

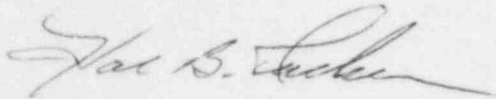
- o The report notes that the operational QA program was not fully in effect 90 days prior to the projected fuel load date. Duke considers that the program had been appropriately implemented to address the preoperational activities that were being conducted at that time. Certain procedural development activities for future modes of operation had not been completed; however, these activities are being accomplished in a timely manner to support the scheduled fuel loading and startup activities. Additionally, Duke has taken action to address weaknesses noted in program implementation by increasing the audit coverage of the Licensed Operator Training Program and increasing the reviews and surveillances conducted in the preoperational testing area. These actions, combined with additional management attention at all levels, will ensure that the operational QA program is properly implemented.
- o As previously discussed with members of your staff, Duke has taken a number of actions to strengthen the content and documentation of the Licensed Operator Training Program. There has been significant management involvement in ensuring that the deficiencies noted at Catawba have been corrected and that the lessons learned are carried forward to all our nuclear stations. In addition to these line organization activities, the Quality Assurance Department has also increased their activities in this area as noted above.

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Our personnel will continue to work with members of your staff to accomplish our common goals.

Very truly yours,



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