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Attention: Document Control Desk

Subject: Catawba Nuclear Station
Docket Numbers 50-413 and -414
Technical Specification Revision to Implement Revised 10
CFR 50 Appendix J; Supplement

By letter dated January 12, 1996, Duke Power submitted proposed changes to Technical Specification 3/4.6.1.2, regarding the frequency of required containment leakrate tests (CLRT). These changes were proposed in response to the recent revision to 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix J, which provided for a reduced test frequency for qualified containments. The amendment application did not propose changes to Surveillance Requirements 4.6.1.6 and 4.6.1.7, which require inspections of the containment vessel and the reactor building, respectively. These inspections are to be performed in conjunction with the CLRT. Therefore, extending the interval of the CLRT has the unacceptable and unintended effect of extending the interval between these required inspections. Accordingly, attached are proposed changes to SRs 4.6.1.6 and 4.6.1.7, to maintain the frequency for the inspections at approximately 3 in 10 years. This is consistent with Regulatory Guide 1.163, "Performance-Based Containment Leak-Test Program."

The proposed (mark-up) changes to Technical Specifications are included in the Attachment, as well as new original pages. Note that a license amendment to separate the current dual-unit Technical Specifications into two volumes (one for each unit) is under NRC review. Therefore, the new original pages are provided in both combined (units 1 and 2) and unit-specific format, to facilitate issuance regardless of the status of the TS-split amendment.

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Attachment IA
New original pages in TS-split format
TS 4.6.1.6 and 4.6.1.7