

December 3, 1992

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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: CATAWBA NUCLEAR STATION INITIAL EXAMINATION REPORT NO. 50-413/92-302

This refers to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission administered examinations led by Ronald F. Aiello during the week of October 19, 1992. These examinations were administered to employees of your company who had applied for licenses to operate your Catawba Nuclear Station. At the conclusion of the examination, the examination questions and preliminary findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the examination report, Enclosure 1.

The high failure rate on this written examination is an indication of a decrease in the effectiveness of the initial training program. In conjunction with the corrective actions in response to the poor performance during the last requalification examination, we believe that specific initiatives need to be taken to address this weak area.

A Simulator Fidelity Report is included in this report as Enclosure 2. A copy of the Facility Comments regarding the written examination is included in this report as Enclosure 3. The NRC Resolution of the Facility Comments is included as Enclosure 4. A copy of the written examination questions and answer key, as noted in Enclosure 5, was provided to members of the facility's training staff at the conclusion of the exam.

The Generic Fundamental Examination Section (GFES) results for the last Catawba examination were that eight of eight (100 percent) candidates passed in February 1992.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room. Should you have any questions concerning this examination, please contact us.

Sincerely,

(Original signed by A. F. Gibson)

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Enclosures: (See page 2)

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Enclosures:

1. Examination Report No. 50-413/92-302
2. Simulator Fidelity Report
3. Facility Comments
4. NRC Resolution of Facility Comments
5. Examination and Answer Key (RO/SRO)
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