

September 25, 1996

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SUBJECT: CATAWBA NUCLEAR STATION, UNIT 2 - SECOND 10-YEAR INTERVAL
INSERVICE INSPECTION PROGRAM PLAN, REQUEST FOR RELIEF 94-05
(TAC NO. M95255)

Dear Mr. McCollum:

The staff, with assistance from its contractor, Idaho National Engineering Laboratory, is reviewing your second 10-year interval inservice inspection program plan and the associated requests for relief (e.g., use of Code cases) from the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Section XI requirements.

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In Request for Relief 94-05, Rev. 1, you requested to implement the alternative to Code requirements contained in Code Case N-521, *Alternative Rules for Deferral of Inspections of Nozzle-to-Vessel Welds, Inside Radius Section, and Nozzle-to-Safe End Welds of a Pressurized Water Reactor (PWR) Vessel*. The staff will impose the condition that when deferring nozzle inspections to the end of the interval, there will be no more than 10 years between inspections, except where the length of a 10-year interval is adjusted in accordance with IWA-2430. A written commitment is needed that you will comply with this condition.

Please respond within 30 days.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:
Peter S. Tam, Senior Project Manager
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