

November 7, 1996

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SUBJECT: PLANT PERFORMANCE REVIEW (PPR) - CATAWBA

Dear Mr. McCollum:

On September 30, 1996, the NRC staff completed the semiannual Plant Performance Review (PPR) of the Catawba Nuclear Station. The staff conducts these reviews for all operating nuclear power plants to develop an integrated understanding of safety performance. The results are used by regional management to facilitate planning and allocation of inspection resources. The PPR for Catawba involved the participation of all regional technical divisions and NRR in evaluating inspection results and safety performance information for the period from March 1996 to September 1996. PPRs provide regional management with a current summary of licensee performance and serve as inputs to the NRC Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance and senior management meeting reviews.

This letter advises you of our planned inspection effort resulting from the Catawba PPR review. It is provided in an attempt to minimize the resource impact on your staff and to allow for scheduling conflicts to be resolved in advance of inspection dates. The enclosure presents our inspection plan for the next six months. Specific dates are included for near term inspections. Long term inspection dates will be announced prior to the inspections and any scheduling conflicts will be resolved with your staff. The rationale or basis for each inspection outside the core inspection program is provided so that you are aware of the reasons for emphasis in these program areas. Resident inspections are not listed due to their ongoing and continuous nature, nor are Region based inspections which accomplish Resident Core Modules to compensate for Resident Inspector absences due to training.

During each NRC inspection planned during this period, specific attention will continue to be given to the verification of selected Updated Final Safety Analysis Report (UFSAR) commitments. Applicable portion(s) of the UFSAR that relate to the inspection activities will be reviewed and verification made that the UFSAR commitments have been properly implemented into plant practices, procedures and/or parameters.

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We will inform you of any changes to the inspection plan. If you have any questions, please contact L.Wert at (404) 331-5506.

Sincerely,

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


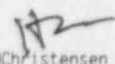

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INSPECTION PLAN

INSPECTION PROCEDURE/ TEMPORARY INSTRUCTION	TITLE/[PROGRAM AREA]	NUMBER OF INSPECTORS	PLANNED INSPECTION DATES	TYPE OF INSPECTION - COMMENTS
IP 71714	COLD WEATHER PREPARATIONS [OPERATIONS - DRP 2210]	1	10/20/96-11/30/96	Regional Initiative - Issues from McGuire
IP 40500	EFFECTIVENESS OF PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION, RESOLUTION AND PREVENTION [OPERATIONS - DRP 2210]	1 visiting RI	TBD	Core - Operations self- assessment
IP 62700	MAINTENANCE IMPLEMENTATION [MAINTENANCE - MNT 2310]	1	5/12-16/97	Regional Initiative - Electrical switch gear and breaker maintenance (Recent Industry Issue)
IP 62700	MAINTENANCE IMPLEMENTATION [MAINTENANCE - MNT 2310]	1	5/19-23/97	Regional Initiative - Maintenance and testing of air operated/solenoid valves
IP 62706	MAINTENANCE RULE [MAINTENANCE - MNT 2310]	5	2/10-14/97	Regional Initiative - Team Inspection
IP 73753	INSERVICE INSPECTION [MAINTENANCE - MNT 2310]	1	4/7-11/97	Core
IP 37550	ENGINEERING [ENGINEERING - ENG 2320]	2	1/6-17/97	Core - Review of engineering calculations, modifications, and self-assessments

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IP 92903	FOLLOWUP - ENGINEERING [ENGINEERING - SI 2350]	1	1/6-10/97	Regional Initiative - Followup on service water pond issues
IP 38701	PROCUREMENT PROGRAM [ENGINEERING - ENG 2320]	1	1/6-17/97	Regional Initiative - Material Upgrade Program
IP 83750	OCCUPATIONAL EXPOSURE [PLANT SUPPORT - PS 2340]	1	1/27-31/97 2/10-14/97	Core
IP 84750	RADIOACTIVE WASTE SYSTEMS, WATER CHEMISTRY, CONFIRMATORY MEASUREMENTS, AND ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING [PLANT SUPPORT - PS 2340]	1	1/27-31/97 2/10-14/97	Core - (IP 84750 & 86750 to be performed by same inspector)
IP 86750 (TI 2515/133)	SOLID RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT AND TRANSPORTATION OF RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS [PLANT SUPPORT - PS 2340]	1	1/27-31/97 2/10-14/97	Core - (IP 84750 & 86750 to be performed by same inspector)
IP 82701	OPERATIONAL STATUS OF THE EP PROGRAM [PLANT SUPPORT - PS 2340]	1	1/27-31/97	Core
IP 81700	PHYSICAL SECURITY PROGRAM [PLANT SUPPORT - SI 2350]	1	1/6-10/97 3/17-20/97	Core - Review of security plans and audits, corrective actions, vital area access control, PA detection equipment, management support and effectiveness

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	OPERATIONAL SAFEGUARDS RESPONSE EVALUATION (OSRE) [PLANT SUPPORT - SI 2350]	7	1/20-24/97	Regional Initiative - OSRE to evaluate ability to respond to external design basis threat
IP 64704	FIRE PROTECTION PROGRAM [PLANT SUPPORT - SI 2350]	1	1/20-24/97	Regional Initiative - IP being performed each SALP cycle
IP 71001	LICENSED OPERATOR REQUAL PROGRAM EVALUATION [OPERATIONS - OLHP 2330]	2	10/21-25/96	Core
TI 2515-109	SAFETY-RELATED MOV TESTING AND SURVEILLANCE [ENGINEERING - SI 2350]	2	1/27/97-2/7/97	Regional Initiative - Closure of GL 89-10

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