

February 10, 1997

Duke Power Company
ATTN: Mr. W. R. McCollum
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SUBJECT: NRC INTEGRATED INSPECTION REPORT 50-413/96-20 AND 50-414/96-20

Dear Mr. McCollum:

On January 11, 1997, the NRC completed an inspection at your Catawba Nuclear Station. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection.

During this report period, your actions demonstrated an appropriate focus on operational safety. Specifically, Unit 1 was shutdown to investigate the source of an indicated increase in reactor coolant system leakage before the Technical Specification limit was approached, and Unit 2 was shutdown to correct conditions that had resulted in excessive operator work arounds.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

Sincerely,

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Docket Nos. 50-413 and 50-414
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Enclosure: NRC Inspection Report 50-413/96-20, 50-414/96-20

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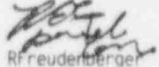

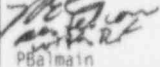

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