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Attention: Document Control Desk
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Subject: Duke Energy Corporation
Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2
Docket Numbers 50-413 and 50-414
Proposed Technical Specifications and Bases
Amendment
Technical Specification Bases 3.6.10
Annulus Ventilation System (AVS)
Technical Specification and Bases 3.6.16
Reactor Building
Technical Specification Bases 3.7.12
Auxiliary Building Filtered Ventilation Exhaust
System (ABFVES)
Technical Specification Bases 3.7.13
Fuel Handling Ventilation Exhaust System (FHVES)
Technical Specification 5.5.11
Ventilation Filter Testing Program (VFTP)

References: 1. Letter from M.S. Tuckman to NRC, same
subject, dated June 1, 2000.
2. Letter from G.R. Peterson to NRC, same
subject, dated September 27, 2000.

Reference 1 requested changes to the subject Technical Specifications (TS) and Bases for the indicated ventilation systems. Reference 2 provided supplementary information following a conference call held with the NRC staff on September 19, 2000.

On February 15, 2001, a second conference call was held with the NRC staff concerning the subject amendment request. Based on the results of this conference call, Duke has decided to withdraw the subject amendment request. The issues contained in the amendment request will be

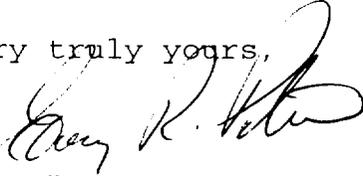
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reevaluated and the amendment request will be resubmitted at a later date.

If there are any questions concerning this information, please call L.J. Rudy at (803) 831-3084.

Very truly yours,

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