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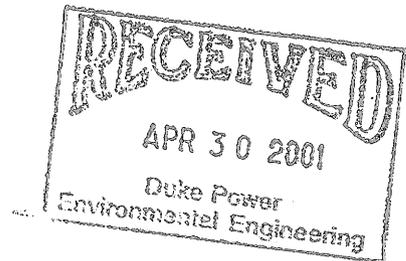
Letter from Roger L. Banks, US Fish and Wildlife Service
to
Bill Miller, Duke Energy
dated April 24, 2001



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Re: Duke Power License Renewal Application
for McGuire and Catawba Nuclear Stations

Dear Mr. Miller:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has reviewed the above-referenced project. This project involves applying for extended operating licenses for the McGuire and Catawba Nuclear Stations. Duke Power will submit the license renewal application to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission in 2001. After reviewing the "Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal for Nuclear Plants" the Service believes that all issues concerning fish and wildlife resources have been adequately identified.

We appreciate the opportunity to review the proposed project and will gladly provide any additional assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Roger L. Banks
Field Supervisor

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