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May 31, 2001

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SUBJECT: ANNUAL ASSESSMENT LETTER - CATAWBA NUCLEAR STATION
(NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-413,414/01-01)

Dear Mr. Peterson

On April 30, 2001, the NRC staff completed its end-of-cycle plant performance assessment of the Catawba Nuclear Station. The end-of-cycle review for Catawba involved the participation of all technical divisions in evaluating performance indicators (PIs) and inspection results for the period of April 2, 2000, to March 31, 2001. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of our assessment of your safety performance during this period and our plans for future inspections at your facility so that you will have an opportunity to prepare for these inspections and to inform us of any planned inspections which may conflict with your plant activities.

Overall, Catawba operated in a manner that preserved public health and safety and fully met all cornerstone objectives. Plant performance for the most recent quarter, as well as for the first three quarters of the assessment cycle, was within the Licensee Response Column of the NRC's Action Matrix, based on all inspection findings being classified as having very low safety significance (Green) and all PIs indicating performance at a level requiring no additional NRC oversight (Green). Therefore, at this time we plan to conduct only baseline inspections and license renewal related inspections at your facility through May 31, 2002. However, the significance of apparent violation 50-413/01-03-02 (repetitive failures of residual heat removal system support snubbers due to water hammer events) is still under review as part of the Significance Determination Process. A supplemental inspection may be warranted if this issue is determined to be of greater than very low safety significance (Green).

The enclosed inspection plan details the scheduled inspections that will occur through May 31, 2002. This inspection plan is provided to minimize the resource impact on your staff and to allow for scheduling conflicts and personnel availability to be resolved in advance of inspector arrival onsite. Routine resident inspections are not listed due to their ongoing and continuous nature.

For your information, the NRC is in the process of aligning the inspection and assessment cycle with the calendar year. In order to transition to a calendar year cycle (January 1 - December 31), the current inspection and assessment cycle will consist of only three quarters (i.e. the second, third and fourth calendar quarters of CY 2001). As a result, for this transition period only, the

number of inspection activities have been modified accordingly and a mid-cycle review letter and accompanying inspection plan will not be issued.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be made available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's document system (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

If circumstances arise which cause us to change our inspection plan, we will contact you to discuss the change as soon as possible. Please contact me at (404) 562-4550 with any questions you may have regarding this letter or the inspection plan.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Robert C. Haag, Chief
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Enclosure: Catawba Nuclear Station Inspection/Activity Plan

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Catawba
Inspection / Activity Plan
06/01/2001 - 05/31/2002

Unit Number	Inspection Activity	Title	No. of Staff on Site	Planned Dates Start	Planned Dates End	Inspection Type
	PS-RP - RADIATION PROTECTION		1			
1, 2	IP 7112202	Radioactive Material Processing and Transportation		06/04/2001	06/08/2001	Baseline Inspections
	PS-RP - RADIATION PROTECTION		1			
1, 2	IP 7112201	Radioactive Gaseous and Liquid Effluent Treatment and Monitoring Systems		06/04/2001	06/08/2001	Baseline Inspections
	PS-RP - RADIATION PROTECTION		1			
1, 2	IP 7112203	Radiological Environmental Monitoring Program		06/04/2001	06/08/2001	Baseline Inspections
	EB-FP - FIRE PROTECTION PRE-INSPECTION VISIT		6			
1, 2	IP 7111105T	Fire Protection		07/09/2001	07/11/2001	Baseline Inspections
	MB MR - MAINT RULE		1			
1, 2	IP 7111112B	Maintenance Rule Implementation		07/16/2001	07/19/2001	Baseline Inspections
	FERC - STANDBY SW RESERVOIR		1			
1, 2	IP 62002	Inspection Of Structures, Passive Components, And Civil Engineering Features At Nuclear Pov		07/26/2001	07/26/2001	Supplemental Program
	EB-FP - FIRE PROTECTION INSPECTION		4			
1, 2	IP 7111105T	Fire Protection		08/06/2001	08/10/2001	Baseline Inspections
	PS-SEC - SECURITY		1			
1, 2	IP 7113001	Access Authorization Program (Behavior Observation Only)		08/20/2001	08/24/2001	Baseline Inspections
1, 2	IP 7113002	Access Control (Search of Personnel, Packages, and Vehicles: Identification and Authorizati		08/20/2001	08/24/2001	Baseline Inspections
	OL EP - EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS		1			
1, 2	IP 7111402	Alert and Notification System Testing		08/27/2001	08/31/2001	Baseline Inspections
1, 2	IP 7111403	Emergency Response Organization Augmentation Testing		08/27/2001	08/31/2001	Baseline Inspections
1, 2	IP 7111404	Emergency Action Level and Emergency Plan Changes		08/27/2001	08/31/2001	Baseline Inspections
1, 2	IP 7111405	Correction of Emergency Preparedness Weaknesses and Deficiencies		08/27/2001	08/31/2001	Baseline Inspections
1, 2	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification		08/27/2001	08/31/2001	Baseline Inspections
	PS-RP - RADIATION PROTECTION		1			
1, 2	IP 7112101	Access Control to Radiologically Significant Areas		09/10/2001	09/14/2001	Baseline Inspections
1, 2	IP 7112102	ALARA Planning and Controls		09/10/2001	09/14/2001	Baseline Inspections
	PB1-FL - FLOOD PROTECTION		1			
1, 2	IP 7111106	Flood Protection Measures		10/08/2001	10/12/2001	Baseline Inspections
	PBR1-AW - ADVERSE WEATHER		1			
1, 2	IP 7111101	Adverse Weather Protection		11/05/2001	11/09/2001	Baseline Inspections
	MB MODS - MODS & 50.59		3			
1, 2	IP 7111102	Evaluation of Changes, Tests, or Experiments		01/07/2002	01/11/2002	Baseline Inspections
1, 2	IP 7111117B	Permanent Plant Modifications		01/07/2002	01/11/2002	Baseline Inspections
	PS-RP - RADIATION PROTECTION		1			
1, 2	IP 7112103	Radiation Monitoring Instrumentation		01/07/2002	01/11/2002	Baseline Inspections
1, 2	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification		01/07/2002	01/11/2002	Baseline Inspections

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LIC REN - DUKE LR			4			
1, 2	IP 71002	License Renewal Inspection		04/01/2002	04/05/2002	Other Routine
OL EP - EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS			2			
1, 2	IP 7111401	Exercise Evaluation		04/08/2002	04/12/2002	Baseline Inspections
1, 2	IP 7111404	Emergency Action Level and Emergency Plan Changes		04/08/2002	04/12/2002	Baseline Inspections
1, 2	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification		04/08/2002	04/12/2002	Baseline Inspections
PS-RP - RADIATION PROTECTION			1			
1, 2	IP 7112101	Access Control to Radiologically Significant Areas		05/13/2002	05/17/2002	Baseline Inspections
1, 2	IP 7112102	ALARA Planning and Controls		05/13/2002	05/17/2002	Baseline Inspections

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