

Docket Nos.: 50-413
and 50-414

June 6, 1988

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Dear Mr. Tucker:

SUBJECT: ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT NO. 47 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NPF-35
AND AMENDMENT NO. 40 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NPF-52 - CATAWBA
NUCLEAR STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2 (TACS 66356/66357)

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued the enclosed Amendment No. 47 to Facility Operating License NPF-35 and Amendment No. 40 to Facility Operating License NPF-52 for the Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2. These amendments consist of changes to the Technical Specifications in response to your application dated October 8, 1987, as supplemented December 3, 1987.

The amendments modify Technical Specification 3/4.4.5 "Steam Generators" and its associated Bases for tube plugging criteria.

A copy of the related safety evaluation supporting Amendment No. 47 to Facility Operating License NPF-35 and Amendment No. 40 to Facility Operating License NPF-52 is enclosed.

Notice of issuance of amendments will be included in the Commission's next bi-weekly Federal Register notice.

Sincerely,

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1. Amendment No. 47 to NPF-35
2. Amendment No. 40 to NPF-52
3. Safety Evaluation

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DUKE POWER COMPANY
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DOCKET NO. 50-413
CATAWBA NUCLEAR STATION, UNIT 1
AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 47
License No. NPF-35

1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has found that:
 - A. The application for amendment to the Catawba Nuclear Station, Unit 1 (the facility) Facility Operating License No. NPF-35 filed by the Duke Power Company acting for itself, North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation and Saluda River Electric Cooperative, Inc., (licensees) dated October 8, 1987, as supplemented December 3, 1987, complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations as set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;
 - B. The facility will operate in conformity with the application, the provisions of the Act, and the rules and regulations of the Commission;
 - C. There is reasonable assurance (i) that the activities authorized by this amendment can be conducted without endangering the health and safety of the public, and (ii) that such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;
 - D. The issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public; and
 - E. The issuance of this amendment is in accordance with 10 CFR Part 51 of the Commission's regulations and all applicable requirements have been satisfied.

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2. Accordingly, the license is hereby amended by page changes to the Technical Specifications as indicated in the attachments to this license amendment, and Paragraph 2.C.(2) of Facility Operating License No. NPF-35 is hereby amended to read as follows:

(2) Technical Specifications

The Technical Specifications contained in Appendix A, as revised through Amendment No. 47, are hereby incorporated into the license. The licensee shall operate the facility in accordance with the Technical Specifications and the Environmental Protection Plan.

3. This license amendment is effective as of its date of issuance.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Original signed by:

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Division of Reactor Projects-I/II

Attachment:
Technical Specification Changes

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NORTH CAROLINA MUNICIPAL POWER AGENCY NO. 1

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DOCKET NO. 50-414

CATAWBA NUCLEAR STATION, UNIT 2

AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 40
License No. NPF-52

1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has found that:

- A. The application for amendment to the Catawba Nuclear Station, Unit 2 (the facility) Facility Operating License No. NPF-52 filed by the Duke Power Company acting for itself, North Carolina Municipal Power Agency No. 1 and Piedmont Municipal Power Agency, (licensees) dated October 8, 1987, as supplemented December 3, 1987, complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations as set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;
- B. The facility will operate in conformity with the application, the provisions of the Act, and the rules and regulations of the Commission;
- C. There is reasonable assurance (i) that the activities authorized by this amendment can be conducted without endangering the health and safety of the public, and (ii) that such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;
- D. The issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public; and
- E. The issuance of this amendment is in accordance with 10 CFR Part 51 of the Commission's regulations and all applicable requirements have been satisfied.

2. Accordingly, the license is hereby amended by page changes to the Technical Specifications as indicated in the attachments to this license amendment, and Paragraph 2.C.(2) of Facility Operating License No. NPF-52 is hereby amended to read as follows:

(2) Technical Specifications

The Technical Specifications contained in Appendix A, as revised through Amendment No. 40, are hereby incorporated into the license. The licensee shall operate the facility in accordance with the Technical Specifications and the Environmental Protection Plan.

3. This license amendment is effective as of its date of issuance.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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ATTACHMENT TO LICENSE AMENDMENT NO. 47

FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-35

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TO LICENSE AMENDMENT NO. 40

FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-52

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Replace the following pages of the Appendix "A" Technical Specifications with the enclosed pages. The revised pages are identified by Amendment number and contain vertical lines indicating the areas of change. The corresponding overleaf pages are also provided to maintain document completeness.

<u>Amended Page</u>	<u>Overleaf Page</u>
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SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS (Continued)

- 1) All nonplugged tubes that previously had detectable wall penetrations (greater than 20%),
 - 2) Tubes in those areas where experience has indicated potential problems, and
 - 3) A tube inspection (pursuant to Specification 4.4.5.4a.8) shall be performed on each selected tube. If any selected tube does not permit the passage of the eddy current probe for a tube inspection, this shall be recorded and an adjacent tube shall be selected and subjected to a tube inspection.
- c. For Unit 1, in addition to the 3% sample, all tubes for which the alternate plugging criteria has been previously applied shall be inspected in the tubesheet region.
- d. The tubes selected as the second and third samples (if required by Table 4.4-2) during each inservice inspection may be subjected to a partial tube inspection provided:
- 1) The tubes selected for these samples include the tubes from those areas of the tube sheet array where tubes with imperfections were previously found, and
 - 2) The inspections include those portions of the tubes where imperfections were previously found.

The results of each sample inspection shall be classified into one of the following three categories:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Inspection Results</u>
C-1	Less than 5% of the total tubes inspected are degraded tubes and none of the inspected tubes are defective.
C-2	One or more tubes, but not more than 1% of the total tubes inspected are defective, or between 5% and 10% of the total tubes inspected are degraded tubes.
C-3	More than 10% of the total tubes inspected are degraded tubes or more than 1% of the inspected tubes are defective.

Note: In all inspections, previously degraded tubes must exhibit significant (greater than 10%) further wall penetrations to be included in the above percentage calculations.

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SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS (Continued)

4.4.5.3 Inspection Frequencies - The above required inservice inspections of steam generator tubes shall be performed at the following frequencies:

- a. The first inservice inspection shall be performed after 6 Effective Full Power Months but within 24 calendar months of initial criticality. Subsequent inservice inspections shall be performed at intervals of not less than 12 nor more than 24 calendar months after the previous inspection. If two consecutive inspections, not including the preservice inspection, result in all inspection results falling into the C-1 category or if two consecutive inspections demonstrate that previously observed degradation has not continued and no additional degradation has occurred, the inspection interval may be extended to a maximum of once per 40 months;
- b. If the results of the inservice inspection of a steam generator conducted in accordance with Table 4.4-2 at 40-month intervals fall in Category C-3, the inspection frequency shall be increased to at least once per 20 months. The increase in inspection frequency shall apply until the subsequent inspections satisfy the criteria of Specification 4.4.5.3a.; the interval may then be extended to a maximum of once per 40 months; and
- c. Additional, unscheduled inservice inspections shall be performed on each steam generator in accordance with the first sample inspection specified in Table 4.4-2 during the shutdown subsequent to any of the following conditions:
 - 1) Reactor-to-secondary tubes leak (not including leaks originating from tube-to-tube sheet welds) in excess of the limits of Specification 3.4.6.2, or
 - 2) A seismic occurrence greater than the Operating Basis Earthquake, or
 - 3) A loss-of-coolant accident requiring actuation of the Engineered Safety Features, or
 - 4) A main steam line or feedwater line break.

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SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS (Continued)

4.4.5.4 Acceptance Criteria

a. As used in this specification:

- 1) Imperfection means an exception to the dimensions, finish or contour of a tube from that required by fabrication drawings or specifications. Eddy-current testing indications below 20% of the nominal tube wall thickness, if detectable, may be considered as imperfections;
- 2) Degradation means a service-induced cracking, wastage, wear or general corrosion occurring on either inside or outside of a tube;
- 3) Degraded Tube means a tube containing imperfections greater than or equal to 20% of the nominal wall thickness caused by degradation;
- 4) % Degradation means the percentage of the tube wall thickness affected or removed by degradation;
- 5) Defect means an imperfection of such severity that it exceeds the plugging limit. A tube containing a defect is defective;
- 6) Plugging Limit means the imperfection depth at or beyond which the tube shall be removed from service and is equal to 40% of the nominal tube wall thickness. For Unit 1, this definition does not apply to the region of the tube subject to the alternate tube plugging criteria.
- 7) Unserviceable describes the condition of a tube if it leaks or contains a defect large enough to affect its structural integrity in the event of an Operating Basis Earthquake, a loss-of-coolant accident, or a steam line or feedwater line break as specified in 4.4.5.3c., above;
- 8) Tube Inspection means an inspection of the steam generator tube from the point of entry (hot leg side) completely around the U-bend to the top support of the cold leg;

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SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS (Continued)

- 9) Preservice Inspection means an inspection of the full length of each tube in each steam generator performed by eddy current techniques prior to service to establish a baseline condition of the tubing. This inspection shall be performed prior to initial POWER OPERATION using the equipment and techniques expected to be used during subsequent inservice inspections.
- 10) Tube Roll Expansion is that portion of a tube which has been increased in diameter by a rolling process such that no crevice exists between the outside diameter of the tube and the tubesheet.
- 11) F* Distance is the minimum length of the roll expanded portion of the tube which cannot contain any defects in order to ensure the tube does not pull out of the tubesheet. The F* distance is 1.60 inches and is measured from the bottom of the roll expansion transition or the top of the tubesheet if the bottom of the roll expansion is above the top of the tubesheet. Included in this distance is a safety factor of 3 plus a 0.5 inch eddy current vertical measurement uncertainty.
- 12) Alternate tube plugging criteria does not require the tube to be removed from service or repaired when the tube degradation exceeds the plugging limit so long as the degradation is in that portion of the tube from F* to the bottom of the tubesheet. This definition does not apply to tubes with degradation (i.e., indications of cracking) in the F* distance.

- b. The steam generator shall be determined OPERABLE after completing the corresponding actions (plug or repair all tubes exceeding the plugging limit and all tubes containing through-wall cracks) required by Table 4.4-2. For Unit 1, tubes with defects below F* fall under the alternate tube plugging criteria and do not have to be plugged.

4.4.5.5 Reports

- a. Within 15 days following the completion of each inservice inspection of steam generator tubes, the number of tubes plugged in each steam generator shall be reported to the Commission in a Special Report pursuant to Specification 6.9.2;
- b. The complete results of the steam generator tube inservice inspection shall be submitted to the Commission in a Special Report pursuant to Specification 6.9.2 within 12 months following the completion of the inspection. This Special Report shall include:
 - 1) Number and extent of tubes inspected,

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SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS (Continued)

- 2) Location and percent of wall-thickness penetration for each indication of an imperfection, and
 - 3) Identification of tubes plugged.
- c. For Unit 2, results of steam generator tube inspections, which fall into Category C-3, shall be reported in a Special Report to the Commission pursuant to Specification 6.9.2 within 30 days and prior to resumption of plant operation. This report shall provide a description of investigations conducted to determine cause of the tube degradation and corrective measures taken to prevent recurrence.
- d. For Unit 1, the results of inspections for all tubes for which the alternate tube plugging criteria has been applied shall be reported to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in accordance with 10 CFR 50.4, prior to restart of the unit following the inspection. This report shall include:
- 1) Identification of applicable tubes, and
 - 2) Location and size of the degradation.

Table 4.4-1
MINIMUM NUMBER OF STEAM GENERATORS TO BE
INSPECTED DURING INSERVICE INSPECTION

Preservice Inspection	No	Yes
No. of Steam Generators per Unit	Four	Four
First Inservice Inspection	All	Two
Second & Subsequent Inservice Inspections	One ¹	One ²

TABLE NOTATIONS

1. The inservice inspection may be limited to one steam generator on a rotating schedule encompassing 3 N % of the tubes (where N is the number of steam generators in the plant) if the results of the first or previous inspections indicate that all steam generators are performing in a like manner. Note that under some circumstances, the operating conditions in one or more steam generators may be found to be more severe than those in other steam generators. Under such circumstances the sample sequence shall be modified to inspect the most severe conditions.
2. Each of the other two steam generators not inspected during the first inservice inspections shall be inspected during the second and third inspections. The fourth and subsequent inspections shall follow the instructions described in 1 above.

Table 4.4-2
STEAM GENERATOR TUBE INSPECTION

1ST SAMPLE INSPECTION			2ND SAMPLE INSPECTION		3RD SAMPLE INSPECTION	
Sample Size	Result	Action Required	Result	Action Required	Result	Action Required
A minimum of 5 Tubes per S.G.	C-1	None	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
	C-2	Plug defective tubes* and inspect additional 2S tubes in this S.G.	C-1	None	N.A.	N.A.
			C-2	Plug defective tubes* and inspect additional 4S tubes in this S. G.	C-1	None
					C-2	Plug defective tubes*
					C-3	Perform action for C-3 result of first sample
	C-3	Perform action for C-3 result of first sample	N.A.	N.A.		
	C-3	Inspect all tubes in this S.G., plug defective tubes* and inspect 2S tubes in each other S. G. Notification to NRC pursuant to §50.72 (b)(2) of 10 CFR Part 50	All other S.G.s are C-1	None	N.A.	N.A.
			Some S.G.s C-2 but no additional S.G. are C-3	Perform action for C-2 result of second sample	N.A.	N.A.
			Additional S.G. is C-3	Inspect all tubes in each S.G. and plug defective tubes.* Notification to NRC pursuant to §50.72 (b)(2) of 10 CFR Part 50	N.A.	N.A.

$S = 3 \frac{N}{n} \%$ Where N is the number of steam generators in the unit, and n is the number of steam generators inspected during an inspection

*For Unit 1, defective tubes which fall under the alternate plugging criteria do not have to be plugged.

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STEAM GENERATORS (Continued)

generator tubes is based on a modification of Regulatory Guide 1.83, Revision 1. Inservice inspection of steam generator tubing is essential in order to maintain surveillance of the conditions of the tubes in the event that there is evidence of mechanical damage or progressive degradation due to design, manufacturing errors, or inservice conditions that lead to corrosion. Inservice inspection of steam generator tubing also provides a means of characterizing the nature and cause of any tube degradation so that corrective measures can be taken.

The plant is expected to be operated in a manner such that the secondary coolant will be maintained within those chemistry limits found to result in negligible corrosion of the steam generator tubes. If the secondary coolant chemistry is not maintained within these limits, localized corrosion may likely result in stress corrosion cracking. The extent of cracking during plant operation would be limited by the limitation of steam generator tube leakage between the Reactor Coolant System and the Secondary Coolant System (reactor-to-secondary leakage = 500 gallons per day per steam generator). Cracks having a reactor-to-secondary leakage less than this limit during operation will have an adequate margin of safety to withstand the loads imposed during normal operation and by postulated accidents. Operating plants have demonstrated that reactor-to-secondary leakage of 500 gallons per day per steam generator can readily be detected by radiation monitors of steam generator blowdown. Leakage in excess of this limit will require plant shutdown and an unscheduled inspection, during which the leaking tubes will be located and plugged.

Wastage-type defects are unlikely with proper chemistry treatment of the secondary coolant. However, even if a defect should develop in service, it will be found during scheduled inservice steam generator tube examinations. Plugging will be required for all tubes with imperfections exceeding the plugging limit of 40% of the tube nominal wall thickness. For Unit 1, defective tubes which fall under the alternate tube plugging criteria do not have to be plugged. Steam generator tube inspections of operating plants have demonstrated the capability to reliably detect wastage type degradation that has penetrated 20% of the original tube wall thickness.

Whenever the results of any steam generator tubing inservice inspection fall into Category C-3, these results will be reported to the Commission pursuant to Specification 6.9.2 prior to resumption of plant operation. Such cases will be considered by the Commission on a case-by-case basis and may result in a requirement for analysis, laboratory examinations, tests, additional eddy-current inspection, and revision of the Technical Specifications, if necessary.

3/4.4.6 REACTOR COOLANT SYSTEM LEAKAGE

3/4.4.6.1 LEAKAGE DETECTION SYSTEMS

The Leakage Detection Systems required by this specification are provided to monitor and detect leakage from the reactor coolant pressure boundary.

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BASES

These Detection Systems are consistent with the recommendations of Regulatory Guide 1.45, "Reactor Coolant Pressure Boundary Leakage Detection Systems," May 1973.

3/4.4.6.2 OPERATIONAL LEAKAGE

PRESSURE BOUNDARY LEAKAGE of any magnitude is unacceptable since it may be indicative of an impending gross failure of the pressure boundary. Therefore, the presence of any PRESSURE BOUNDARY LEAKAGE requires the unit to be promptly placed in COLD SHUTDOWN.

Industry experience has shown that while a limited amount of leakage is expected from the Reactor Coolant System, the unidentified portion of this leakage can be reduced to a threshold value of less than 1 gpm. This threshold value is sufficiently low to ensure early detection of additional leakage.

The total steam generator tube leakage limit of 1 gpm for all steam generators not isolated from the Reactor Coolant System ensures that the dosage contribution from the tube leakage will be limited to a small fraction of 10 CFR Part 100 dose guideline values in the event of either a steam generator tube rupture or steam line break. The 1 gpm limit is consistent with the assumptions used in the analysis of these accidents. The 500 gpd leakage limit per steam generator ensures that steam generator tube integrity is maintained in the event of a main steam line rupture or under LOCA conditions.

The 10 gpm IDENTIFIED LEAKAGE limitation provides allowance for a limited amount of leakage from known sources whose presence will not interfere with the detection of UNIDENTIFIED LEAKAGE by the Leakage Detection Systems.

The CONTROLLED LEAKAGE limitation restricts operation when the total flow supplied to the reactor coolant pump seals exceeds 40 gpm with the modulating valve in the supply line fully open at a nominal Reactor Coolant System pressure of 2235 psig. This limitation ensures that in the event of a LOCA, the safety injection flow will not be less than assumed in the safety analyses.

The 1 gpm leakage from any Reactor Coolant System pressure isolation valve is sufficiently low to ensure early detection of possible in-series check valve failure. It is apparent that when pressure isolation is provided by two in-series check valves and when failure of one valve in the pair can go undetected for a substantial length of time, verification of valve integrity is required. Since these valves are important in preventing overpressurization and rupture of the ECCS low pressure piping which could result in a LOCA that bypasses containment, these valves should be tested periodically to ensure low probability of gross failure.

The Surveillance Requirements for Reactor Coolant System pressure isolation valves provide added assurance of valve integrity thereby reducing the probability of gross valve failure and consequent intersystem LOCA. Leakage from the pressure isolation valve is IDENTIFIED LEAKAGE and will be considered as a portion of the allowed limit.



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SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION
RELATED TO AMENDMENT NO. 47 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NPF-35
AND AMENDMENT NO. 40 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NPF-52

DUKE POWER COMPANY, ET AL.

CATAWBA NUCLEAR STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2

DOCKET NOS. 50-413 AND 50-414

I. INTRODUCTION

By letter dated October 8, 1987, Duke Power Company, et al., (the licensee) proposed amendments to the operating licenses for Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2, which would revise Technical Specification (TS) 3/4.4.5, "Steam Generators" and its Bases. The revisions would allow Catawba Unit 1 steam generator tube defects to be addressed by Westinghouse F* plugging criterion as a alternative to the previous requirements for tube plugging. Although amendments will be issued for both Units 1 and 2, changes are proposed for Unit 1 only. Unit 2 is included only because the TSS are combined in one document for both units.

The licensee's letter dated October 8, 1987, transmitted the technical basis for the application of the F* criterion at Catawba Unit 1 contained in Westinghouse report WCAP-11581 proprietary, "Tubesheet Region Plugging Criterion for the Duke Power Company Catawba 1 Nuclear Station Steam Generators," dated August 1987. The non-proprietary version is WCAP-11582. The licensee's letter dated December 3, 1987, clarified certain aspects of the request. However, the substance of the changes noticed in the Federal Register on October 27, 1987, was not affected by the clarification letter.

II. EVALUATION

Previous steam generator plugging criteria apply throughout the tube length and do not consider the effects of constraints provided by the tubesheet on the embedded length of the tube. However, steam generator tubes are expanded by hardrolling into the tubesheet. The presence of the tubesheet constrains the expanded tube within the tubesheet, and provides resistance to tube rupture and to restrain leakage from through-wall tube flaws in this region.

The F* criterion provides an alternate tube plugging criterion for tube degradation detected within the tubesheet region by accounting for the presence of the tubesheet. It identifies a distance into the tubesheet, measured from either the top of the tubesheet or the bottom of the hardroll expansion transition, whichever is lower in elevation within the steam generator. Below this so-called F* distance, tube degradation of any extent does not necessitate plugging, provided there is no indication of cracking within the F* distance.

The F* distance is estimated as a tube length required to engage the tube to the tubesheet, so as to resist tube pullout forces that could be developed during normal or accident conditions. The F* distance must provide sufficient engagement of the tube hardroll to the tubesheet, such that pullout forces would be successfully resisted by the elastic preload between the tube and tubesheet, even in the event of a circumferential break in the tube below the F* distance. The calculation of the required engagement distance is based on determining the tube length for preload frictional forces to equilibrate the applied operating loads. Safety margins on operating loads are specified in Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.121, "Bases for Plugging Degraded PWR Steam Generator Tubes." Furthermore, uncertainties in vertical distance measurements by eddy current testing used in steam generator inspections must be accounted for in the F* distance.

Catawba Unit 1 has four Model D3 steam generators having tubes installed in the tubesheet via a full depth hardroll expansion. The F* distance for Catawba Unit 1 is 1.60 inches, which contains a 0.5 inch eddy current vertical measurement uncertainty allowance. Through analysis and testing, Westinghouse has demonstrated that the roll expansion over the F* distance is sufficient to preclude pullout of tubes from the tubesheet under normal and postulated accident conditions. Below this F* distance, tube degradation of any extent does not necessitate plugging, provided there is no indication of cracking within the F* distance. The existing TS leakage rate requirements and accident analysis assumptions remain unchanged.

All F* tubes, i.e., tubes for which the alternate F* plugging criterion is applicable, will be re-inspected in the tubesheet region in addition to the normal tube inspection sample. The results of the inspection of F* tubes will be reported to the Commission before restart of the unit following the inspection.

The licensee's technical basis for the Catawba Unit 1 request is consistent with that accepted previously by the staff. The licensee's proposal provides an acceptable implementation of the F* criterion.

Based on its review, the staff concludes that the F* criterion and the resulting TS changes are acceptable for application at Catawba Unit 1. Thus, steam generator tubes can be left inservice with eddy current indications of pluggable magnitude that are below the F* distance, provided there is no indication of cracking within the F* distance. The F* distance is 1.60 inches from the bottom of the roll expansion transition or the top of the tubesheet if the bottom of the roll expansion is above the top of the tubesheet.

III. ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.32 the Commission has determined that the issuance of these amendments will have no significant impact on the environment (53 FR 19355).

IV. CONCLUSION

The Commission issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses and Opportunity for Prior Hearing which was published in the Federal Register (53 FR 41374) on October 27, 1987. The Commission consulted with the state of South Carolina. No public comments were received, and the state of South Carolina did not have any comments.

We have concluded, based on the considerations discussed above, that: (1) there is reasonable assurance that the health and safety of the public will not be endangered by operation in the proposed manner, and (2) such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations, and the issuance of these amendments will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public.

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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSIONDUKE POWER COMPANY, et al.DOCKET NOS. 50-413 AND 50-414NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENTS TOFACILITY OPERATING LICENSES

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has issued Amendment No. 47 to Facility Operating License No. NPF-35 and Amendment No. 40 to Facility Operating License No. NPF-52 issued to Duke Power Company, et al., (the licensee) which revised the Technical Specifications for operation of the Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2, (the facility) located in York County, South Carolina. The amendments were effective as of the date of issuance.

The amendments modify Technical Specification 3/4.4.5 "Steam Generators" and its associated Bases for tube plugging criteria.

The application for the amendments complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR Chapter I, which are set forth in the license amendments.

Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendments and Opportunity for Prior Hearing in connection with this action was published in the FEDERAL REGISTER on October 27, 1987 (52 FR 41374). No request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene was filed following this notice.

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The Commission has prepared an Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact (53 FR 19355) related to the action and has concluded that an environmental impact statement is not warranted and that issuance of these amendments will not have a significant adverse effect on the quality of the human environment.

For further details with respect to the action see (1) the application for amendments dated October 8, 1987, as supplemented December 3, 1987, (2) Amendment No. 47 to License No. NPF-35 and Amendment No. 40 to License No. NPF-52 and (3) the Commission's related Safety Evaluation and Environmental Assessment. All of these items are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N.W., and at the York County Library, 138 East Black Street, Rock Hill, South Carolina 29730. A copy of items (2) and (3) may be obtained upon request addressed to the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, Attention: Director, Division of Reactor Projects I/II.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 6th day of June 1988.

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The Commission has prepared an Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact (53 FR) related to the action and has concluded that an environmental impact statement is not warranted because there will be no environmental impact attributable to the action beyond that which has been predicted and described in the Commission's Final Environmental Statement for the facility dated January 1973.

For further details with respect to the action see (1) the application for amendments dated October 8, 1987, as supplemented December 3, 1987, (2) Amendment No. to License No. NPF-35 and Amendment No. to License No. NPF-52 and (3) the Commission's related Safety Evaluation and Environmental Assessment. All of these items are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N.W., and at the York County Library, 138 East Black Street, Rock Hill, South Carolina 29730. A copy of items (2) and (3) may be obtained upon request addressed to the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, Attention: Director, Division of Reactor Projects I/II.

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