



UNITED STATES
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September 30, 1998

*See Proposed
Change to
Tech Specs*

Mr. Gary R. Peterson
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SUBJECT: ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENTS - CATAWBA NUCLEAR STATION, UNITS 1
AND 2 (TAC NOS. M95298 AND M95299)

Dear Mr. Peterson:

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued the enclosed Amendment No. 173 to Facility Operating License NPF-35, and Amendment No. 165 to Facility Operating License NPF-52, for the Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2. The amendments are in response to your application dated May 27, 1997, as supplemented by letters dated March 9, March 20, April 20, June 3, June 24, July 7, July 21, August 8, September 8, and September 15, 1998. A copy of the associated Safety Evaluation covering both Catawba and McGuire is also enclosed.

The amendments reflect full conversion from your current Technical Specifications (TS) to a set of TS based on NUREG-1431, "Standard Technical Specifications -- Westinghouse Plants," Revision 1, dated April 1995. In addition, the NRC staff has reviewed and approved changes which, although included in your improved TS conversion submittals, were identified as being beyond the scope of the conversion.

The staff has added a license condition to Appendix D of the Unit 1 and Unit 2 operating licenses regarding surveillance requirements. The wording is similar to what you proposed in your letter dated September 15, 1998.

A second condition is also added to Appendix D. It authorizes the relocation of certain requirements from the TS to licensee-controlled documents, such as the Updated Final Safety Analysis Report. The relocated requirements are not required to be in the TS under 10 CFR 50.36 or do not meet any of the four criteria in the "NRC Final Policy Statement on Technical Specification Improvements for Nuclear Power Reactors," published on July 22, 1993 (58 FR 39132). The NRC staff has concluded that appropriate controls have been established for all of

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the current specifications, information, and requirements that are being relocated to licensee-controlled documents. Following implementation, the NRC may audit the relocated provisions to ensure that an appropriate level of control has been achieved.

A Notice of Issuance is also enclosed and has been forwarded to the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter S. Tam". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Peter" and last name "Tam" clearly distinguishable.

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Docket Nos. 50-413 and 50-414

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On 9/30/98 we issued Amendment Nos. 173/165 to Catawba (Docket 50-413, 50-414). The amendments have been put into NUDOCS as Accession No. 9810270364. However, when I looked at the microfiche (A5573-01 thru -244), I found that a 4-inch-thick attachment to the amendments was missing. The only logical explanation is that we failed to dispatch the complete document to you!

I have attached the entire document for your decision as to what to do. I have labelled the parts of the document that I believe are already on Fiche A5573, and the part that is not.

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