

May 14, 2002

Mr. M. S. Tuckman, Executive  
Vice President - Nuclear Generation  
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT PLANT-SPECIFIC  
SUPPLEMENT 9 TO THE GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT  
REGARDING CATAWBA NUCLEAR STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2  
(TAC NOS. MB2031 AND MB2032)

Dear Mr. Tuckman:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has completed the draft plant-specific Supplement 9 to NUREG-1437, "Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants," regarding the renewal of operating licenses NPF-35 and NPF-52 for Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2, for an additional 20 years of operation. Enclosed is a copy of the report for your review and comment.

The draft report will be filed with the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and a notice of availability will be subsequently published by the EPA in the *Federal Register*. Any comments on the draft plant-specific Supplement 9 to the GEIS should be addressed to:

Chief  
Rules and Directives Branch  
Mailstop T-6D 59  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Comments may also be submitted electronically to the NRC at [CatawbaEIS@nrc.gov](mailto:CatawbaEIS@nrc.gov). The comment period will end on August 9, 2002. A public meeting will be held in Rock Hill, South Carolina, on June 27, 2002, regarding the draft report. A separate notice of availability

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will also be published in an upcoming *Federal Register* notice by the NRC, along with details regarding the public meeting.

Sincerely,

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James H. Wilson, Senior Project Manager

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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