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SERVICE WATER POND DAM AT THE CATAWBA NUCLEAR
POWER PLANT

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An original copy of the FERC report, dated October 24, 2001, which includes color photographs taken of various areas that were inspected during the audit, has been provided as an Enclosure. The enclosed report is classified as "Non-public" and should not be made available to members of the general public. If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact me at (301) 415-6704.

Sincerely,

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