

March 20, 1997

EA 97-119

Duke Power Company  
ATTN: Mr. W. R. McCollum  
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SUBJECT: (NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-413/97-01 AND 50-414/97-01)  
NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. McCollum:

An NRC inspection was conducted February 10 - 14, 1997, at your Catawba 1 and 2 reactor facilities. This was an inspection of your implementation of the requirements of 10 CFR 50.65, "Requirements for Monitoring the Effectiveness of Maintenance at Nuclear Power Plants" [the Maintenance Rule]. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection.

Your program for implementing the requirements of the Maintenance Rule followed the guidance provided in NUMARC 93-01, "Industry Guideline for Monitoring the Effectiveness of Maintenance at Nuclear Power Plants," dated May 1993, which was endorsed in Regulatory Guide 1.160, "Monitoring the Effectiveness of Maintenance at Nuclear Power Plants," dated January 1995. Generally, all aspects of your program were evaluated as good. Areas specifically noted as warranting recognition included corrective actions implemented for systems reviewed that were classified as (a)(1), and the good quality of audits, assessments, and resultant corrective actions.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has determined that violations of NRC requirements occurred. The violations are of concern because they identified areas where your program needs additional management attention to meet regulatory requirements.

The violations are cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation, and the circumstances surrounding the violations are described in detail in the enclosed report. Please note that you are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. The NRC will use your response, in part, to determine whether further enforcement action is necessary to insure compliance with regulatory requirements.

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In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR).

Sincerely,

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Docket Nos. 50-413, 50-414  
License Nos. NPF-35, NPF-52

Enclosures: 1. Notice of Violation  
2. Inspection Report 50-321/96-12,  
50-366/96-12

Attachments: 1. Licensee Handout on NRC Maintenance  
Rule Baseline Inspection dated  
February 10, 1997  
2. DUKE POWER COMPANY, CATAWBA NUCLEAR  
STATION - POSITION ON OPERATOR  
INVOLVEMENT IN MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES  
3. Follow up to NRC Proposed Violation  
on the CNS Maintenance Rule Program  
"Plant Level Performance Criteria  
was viewed as inadequate"

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