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**SUBJECT: MID-CYCLE PERFORMANCE REVIEW AND INSPECTION PLAN - CATAWBA  
NUCLEAR STATION**

Dear Mr. Jamil:

On August 11, 2003, the NRC staff completed its mid-cycle plant performance assessment of the Catawba Nuclear Station. The mid-cycle review for Catawba involved the participation of all technical divisions in evaluating performance indicators (PIs) for the most recent quarter and inspection results for the first half of the current assessment cycle, January 1 - December 31, 2003. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of our assessment of your safety performance during this period and our plans for future inspections at your facility so that you will have an opportunity to prepare for these inspections and to inform us of any planned inspections that may conflict with your plant activities.

Plant performance for the most recent quarter was within the Licensee Response Column of the NRC's Action Matrix, based on all inspection findings being classified as having very low safety significance (Green) and all PIs indicating performance at a level requiring no additional NRC oversight (Green). Therefore, through September 30, 2004, we currently plan to conduct baseline inspections at your facility.

The enclosed inspection plan details the inspections currently scheduled through September 30, 2004. The inspection plan is provided to minimize the resource impact on your staff and to allow for scheduling conflicts and personnel availability to be resolved in advance of inspector arrival onsite. Routine resident inspections are not listed due to their ongoing and continuous nature. The last six months of the inspection plan is tentative and may be revised at the end-of-cycle review.

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If circumstances arise which cause us to change the inspection plan, we will contact you to discuss the change as soon as possible. Please contact me at 404-562-4550 with any questions you may have regarding this letter or the inspection plan.

Sincerely

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Enclosure: Catawba Inspection/ Activity Plan

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