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ATTENTION: Document Control Desk

SUBJECT: Duke Energy Corporation
Oconee Unit 3
Docket No. 50-287
McGuire Nuclear Station, Unit 2
Docket No. 50-370
Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 & 2
Docket Nos. 50-413, 50-414

Withdrawal of Relief Request 03-GO-012

Reference: Letter from W. R. McCollum to NRC, Relief Request 03-GO-012, dated
August 19, 2003

On August 19, 2003, Duke Energy Corporation (Duke) submitted Relief Request 03-GO-012 requesting the use of an alternative to the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Section XI, 1989 Edition with no addenda, Table IWB-2500-1, Examination Category B-D, Item No. B3.100, Nozzle Inner Radius Sections. While that request for relief was being processed internally at Duke, Regulatory Guide 1.147, "Inservice Inspection Code Case Acceptability ASME Section XI, Division 1, Revision 13," was issued in which the NRC staff conditionally approved ASME XI Code Case N-648-1. This Code Case, with the conditions stipulated in RG 1.147, allows for the same exam alternative as was requested in Relief Request 03-GO-012. Therefore, review and approval of Relief Request 03-GO-012 is no longer needed and is being withdrawn.

Questions regarding this subject may be directed to R. K. Nader at 704-382-0979.

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