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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555-0001  
ATTENTION: Document Control Desk

Subject: Duke Power Company LLC d/b/a Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC  
Oconee Nuclear Station, Units 1, 2, and 3  
Docket Nos. 50-269, 50-270, 50-287  
McGuire Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2  
Docket Nos. 50-369, 50-370  
Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2  
Docket Nos. 50-413, 50-414  
NRC Generic Letter 2004-02, Potential Impact of Debris Blockage on  
Emergency Recirculation During Design Basis Accidents at Pressurized-  
Water Reactors Request for Additional Information

On September 13, 2004 the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued Generic Letter 2004-02, "Potential Impact of Debris Blockage on Emergency Recirculation During Design Basis Accidents at Pressurized-Water Reactors." Duke Power, currently Duke Energy Carolinas (Duke) provided the required responses on March 1, 2005 and September 1, 2005.

On February 9, 2006, the NRC issued requests for additional information (RAI) for Oconee, McGuire and Catawba Nuclear Stations. RAIs were also issued for other Pressurized Water Reactors (PWR) licensees regarding their responses to Generic Letter 2004-02.

Subsequent to these requests, on February 28, 2006, the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) submitted a request to extend the response dates to the RAIs on behalf of PWR licensees. The requested relief was to provide supplements to the Generic Letter 2004-02 responses:

- by December 31, 2006 for units that complete their outage to incorporate strainer modifications on or before December 31, 2006, and
- within 90 days of outage completion, not to exceed December 31, 2007, for units that complete their outage to incorporate strainer modifications after December 31, 2006 but before December 31, 2007.


On March 3, 2006 the NRC provided a response to Anthony R. Pietrangelo of NEI granting the requested schedule relief.

This letter is being provided to inform the NRC that Duke will submit responses to RAIs contained in the February 9, 2006 letters by December 31, 2006.

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This correspondence contains no regulatory commitments. If any questions arise or additional information is needed, please contact Mary Shipley at (704) 382-5880.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James R. Morris". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "M".

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