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SUBJECT: CATAWBA NUCLEAR STATION, UNIT 2 (CATAWBA UNIT 2), INSPECTION RESULTS FROM INSPECTIONS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH REVISED NRC ORDER (EA-03-009) (TAC NO. MD8403)

Dear Mr. Morris:

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By letter dated January 10, 2008, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, (the licensee) submitted the required report summarizing the results of the inspections performed at Catawba Unit 2 during the End-of-Cycle 15 refueling outage. The NRC staff has reviewed the report and finds that you have met the information-submittal requirements of the Order.

Sincerely,

***/RA RMartin for/***

John Stang, Senior Project Manager  
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Division of Operating Reactor Licensing  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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