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Oconee Nuclear Station Docket Nos.  
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Catawba Nuclear Station Docket Nos.  
50-413, 50-414

Dear Mr. Eisenhut:

On July 8, 1983, the NRC issued Generic Letter 83-28 entitled, "Required Actions Based on Generic Implications of Salem ATWS Events." In letters dated November 4, 1983, Duke Power responded to the generic letter for each of its nuclear stations. At the time of the Duke letters, a response to Section 2.2.2, Vendor Interface on Safety-Related Equipment, was deferred until the completion of the Nuclear Utility Task Action Committee (NUTAC) which had been formed to address this item. Duke Power Company was a full-time participant in this industry effort and supports the Vendor Equipment Technical Information Program (VETIP) which was developed by the NUTAC. A complete description of the VETIP is contained within the March 1984 NUTAC on Generic Letter 83-28, Section 2.2.2 Report. This report has been made available to the NRC in a March 23, 1984 letter from Mr. E. P. Griffing, NUTAC Chairman, to Mr. Tom Alexion, the NRC Project Coordinator for Generic Letter 83-28. Duke Power feels that the VETIP described in the NUTAC document provides an effective means for the industry to address the concerns raised in Section 2.2.2 and serve as the basis for a vendor interface program for the future.

The NUTAC report contains responsibilities for the individual utility when implementing the VETIP. Duke Power has specific programs in place to fulfill these responsibilities as described below.

## NSSS Contact

Duke Power has a continuing program in place to ensure proper receipt, evaluation, and resolution of technical information transmitted by both Babcock and Wilcox and Westinghouse. Details of these programs were transmitted to the NRC in Duke's November 4, 1983 letters. This information addressing Section 2.1 of Generic Letter 83-28, was specifically for the Reactor Trip System, however, the program applies to all safety-related components supplied by the NSSS vendor.

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Nuclear Plant Reliability Data System (NPRDS)

Duke Power has a continuing program in place to ensure the proper evaluation and reporting of equipment problems through the NPRDS. This portion of the VETIP has been reviewed, including the planned enhancements, and it is felt that the Duke NPRDS program is consistent with the NUTAC guidelines.

Significant Event Evaluation and Information Network (SEE-IN)

The SEE-IN program has been implemented at Duke Power. This portion of the VETIP has been reviewed, including the planned enhancements, and it is felt that the Duke SEE-IN program is consistent with the NUTAC guidelines.

Other Vendors

Duke Power has established requirements contained within the Administrative Policy Manual for Nuclear Stations which specifies that the cause for failures on all safety-related equipment shall be evaluated. This includes requirements that equipment of the same type be evaluated to determine whether or not it can be expected to continue functioning properly. Vendors are consulted in the evaluation process as necessary. Off-normal events occurring at Duke Power nuclear stations and those notices received from the NPRDS and SEE-IN programs are included in the evaluation process.

Administrative Procedures

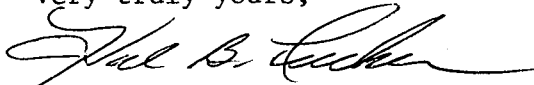
Duke Power Company has established administrative procedures to ensure that safety-related technical information received through the VETIP, vendors, or NRC is appropriately reviewed, evaluated, and resolved. Specific procedures are in place covering the following items:

- Inclusion of the latest equipment technical information in affected station maintenance and/or operating procedures and vendor manuals.
- Notification through the VETIP (NPRDS/SEE-IN), of utilities, INPO and the NRC as required.
- Proper Quality Assurance control of vendor service obtained on safety-related equipment.

In summary, the internal programs and procedures affected by the VETIP have been reviewed and found to be adequate to support the implementation of the NUTAC guidelines within Duke Power Company.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the statements set forth herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Very truly yours,



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