

#### UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

December 29, 2016

Mr. Kelvin Henderson Site Vice President Catawba Nuclear Station Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC 4800 Concord Road York, NC 29745

SUBJECT: CATAWBA NUCLEAR STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2 – REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST TO IMPLEMENT A RISK-INFORMED, PERFORMANCE-BASED FIRE PROTECTION PROGRAM (CAC NOS. MF2936 AND MF2937)

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Sincerely,

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Bob Martin, Senior Project Manager Plant Licensing Branch II-1 Division of Operating Reactor Licensing Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket Nos. 50-413 and 50-414

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# REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

# ADOPTION OF NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION STANDARD 805

## DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS, LLC

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A question has recently been identified regarding whether fire-induced flooding had been analyzed for scenarios involving high density polyethylene (HDPE) piping.

Please provide a description of how potential flooding has been addressed in the analysis. The description should describe how safe shutdown is assured through either demonstrating that the HDPE installations are bounded by existing analysis, or by performing a risk-informed, performance-based evaluation that considers the possibility of flooding. All areas containing HDPE piping should be included in the response.

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