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Mr. Harold R. Denton, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

Attention: Mr. F. J. Miraglia, Jr., Acting Chief
Licensing Branch No. 3

Re: Catawba Nuclear Station
Docket Nos. 50-413 and 50-414

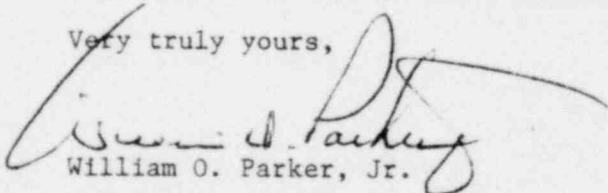
Dear Mr. Denton:

By letter of December 19, 1980, Mr. Robert L. Tedesco of your staff requested that an ultimate capacity analysis be performed for the Catawba containments.

On November 17, 1980, Duke Power submitted an ultimate capacity analysis of the McGuire (Docket Nos. 50-369 and 50-370) containment vessels. Since the McGuire and Catawba containment vessels are nearly identical, it is expected that the ultimate static capability would be approximately the same.

An ultimate capacity analysis will be performed for the Catawba containment vessels as a part of the overall stress analysis of the Catawba containments. The results of the ultimate capacity analysis will be provided by June 1, 1982.

Very truly yours,


William O. Parker, Jr.

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cc: Resident Inspector
Catawba Nuclear Station

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