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Duke Power Company
ATTN: Mr. H. B. Tucker, Vice President
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Gentlemen:

Subject: Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has completed its periodic evaluation of the performance of your reactor facilities. As you are aware, this evaluation program, the Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP), involves an assessment of facility performance by the NRC staff; the issuance of the staff's findings in the form of a final report, the SALP Board Report (Enclosure 1); a meeting with senior staff of your utility to present and discuss the Board's assessment; your response to the SALP Board's assessment (Enclosure 2); and the resolution of your comments, if applicable, and the resultant approval and public distribution of the SALP Report by the Regional Administrator.

In accordance with NRC policy, I have reviewed the SALP Board Report and your response to this report. As Regional Administrator, I approve issuance of the SALP Board Report. It is my view that Duke Power Company's conduct of nuclear activities shows a high concern for nuclear safety, and the utility's resources are being effectively applied.

The overall performance of your Oconee facility indicates that management involvement is aggressive and oriented toward nuclear safety. No major weaknesses have been identified and operational performance pertaining to the functional areas of maintenance, emergency preparedness, security and safeguards, and refueling, has been commended by the SALP Board.

Licensee resources are ample and effectively used in the operation of the McGuire 1 facility. The SALP Board recognizes a high level of performance in the areas of radiological controls, maintenance, surveillance, emergency preparedness, and initial fuel loading and power ascension testing. No major weaknesses have been identified.

The McGuire 2 facility has achieved a high level of nuclear safety performance with respect to construction and preoperational testing. Strong performance was noted by the SALP Board in the functional areas of piping systems and supports, electrical power supply and distribution, instrumentation and control systems, and preoperational testing. No major weaknesses were identified.

A proper concern for construction activities at the Catawba facility has been demonstrated by the plant and corporate staffs. No major weaknesses have been identified. The SALP Board noted strong performance with respect to construction activities relating to the containment and other safety related structures.

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No reply to this letter is required; however, should you have any questions concerning these matters, we will be pleased to meet with you.

Sincerely,

James P. O'Reilly
Regional Administrator

Enclosures:

1. R. C. Lewis Letter of
October 19, 1982
2. H. B. Tucker Letter of
November 16, 1982

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