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Ms. Elinor G. Adensam, Chief
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Re: Draft Environmental Statement
Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2

Dear Ms. Adensam:

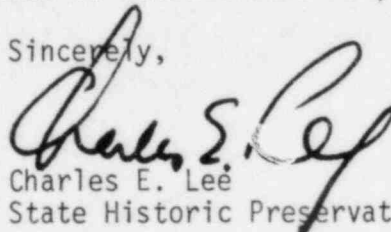
Thank you for your letter of August 16 and the Draft Environmental Statement for the operation of Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2.

We have no additional properties to add to the list of National Register properties in the Historic and Archeological Sites section, nor do we wish to alter any of the comments in our letter of November 5, 1981 (Appendix H).

We do, however, recommend clarification of the statement concerning archaeological site 38YK72; the draft Environmental Statement states that "no further investigation of the site was recommended". This recommendation was made because all construction impacts to the site could be avoided; if it appears that effects from construction cannot be avoided, then additional investigation to site 38YK72 is recommended. It is important that the reasons for the recommendation and the additional condition be added.

The Federal procedures for the protection of historic properties (36CFR800) require that the Federal agency official in charge of a federally funded or licensed project consult with the appropriate State Historic Preservation Officer. The procedures do not relieve the Federal agency official of the final responsibility for reaching an opinion of his own as to whether or not historic values have been adequately taken into account in allowing the project to proceed. The opinion of the State Historic Preservation Officer is not definitive, either by law or by established Federal procedure. In reaching a conclusion of his own, the Federal agency official may well wish to consult other experts.

Sincerely,



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