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Mr. James L. Kelley, Chairman
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Re: Duke Power Company (Catawba Nuclear
Station, Units 1 and 2), Docket Nos.
50-413 & 50-414

Dear Members of the Board:

Pursuant to discussions in the March 18, 1983, conference call, Applicants provide herein a report to the Board. This report addresses contacts made with affected employees concerning discovery related to Palmetto Alliance's Quality Assurance contentions (Contention 6). To date, letters have been sent to the following classes of individuals:

1. Terminated Catawba Quality Assurance Employees
2. Active Catawba Quality Assurance Employees
3. Former Catawba Quality Assurance Employees who still work for Duke Power Company but have been transferred from Catawba
4. Employees identified in documents made available to Intervenor

Copies of these letters are attached. Applicants intend similarly to advise any individual subsequently identified as being a member of any one of the four above classes. Applicants are unaware of any other formal written communication that has originated from Duke concerning these issues.

As noted in the March 18 conference call, we also have had discussions with employees about questions they have raised concerning discovery, primarily regarding the release of their names and addresses; we contemplate further discussions as circumstances arise. During these discussions, employees were advised of the on-going proceeding and how it relates to them. In all instances, Applicants have been mindful of advising employees both of their right to discuss matters with Intervenor free from any intimidation by Duke Power Company and of their right to refuse to discuss matters with Intervenor.

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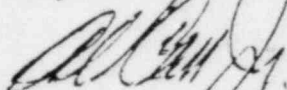
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In addition, during these meetings requests were made for documents containing information responsive to interrogatory requests.

Respectfully submitted,



Albert V. Carr, Jr.

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Attachments

cc: All Parties of Record

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March 7, 1983

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CORPORATE QUALITY ASSURANCE MANAGER

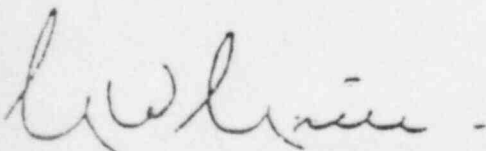
Our records indicate that you are a former employee of Duke Power Company and worked in the Quality Assurance/Quality Control Department at the Catawba Nuclear Station. This letter is to inform you that Duke currently has an application for an operating license for Catawba pending before the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Three groups (Palmetto Alliance, Carolina Environmental Study Group (CESG), and the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Environmental Coalition) have intervened and therefore a hearing must be held before the operating license is issued. The proceeding is now before an NRC Licensing Board.

One of the issues, and a most important one, is that of Quality Assurance. The Intervenor are contending that faulty workmanship has been approved due to Company pressure, providing no assurance that the plant can operate safely. Two former Duke employees, Nolan R. Hoopingartner, II and William R. (Ron) McAfee, are members of the Palmetto Alliance. Each has been identified as a potential witness in this proceeding. We have learned of at least two instances in the past year where one of these individuals has contacted Duke employees at their homes to try to get information relating to Quality Assurance and construction practices.

We are now at the stage in the proceeding where we are required to furnish information to Intervenor. As a part of this process, Duke, over its objection, has been required by the Licensing Board to turn over to the Intervenor the names, addresses, titles, telephone numbers, and dates of employment for all Quality Assurance personnel that have been employed at the Catawba Nuclear Station. The Licensing Board has ordered this done so that Intervenor may contact these previous employees.

This memorandum is to inform you that your name has been disclosed to, and that you may be contacted by, Intervenor. Whether you do or do not talk to Intervenor is solely your own business. However, you should understand that you are under no obligation whatsoever to talk with Intervenor, and you are completely within your rights to refuse to talk with the Intervenor in this proceeding.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact C. N. Alexander, Jr. with your questions at 373-5242.



G. W. Grier
Corporate QA Manager

February 24, 1983

To: All Quality Assurance Employees
Catawba Nuclear Station

Re: Discovery in the Catawba Operating License Proceeding

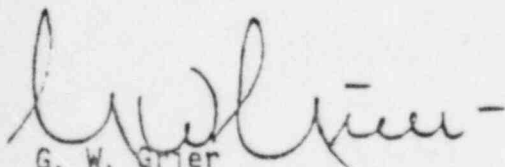
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We are now at the stage in the proceeding where we are required to furnish information to Intervenor's. As a part of this process, Duke, over its objection, has been required by the Licensing Board to turn over to the Intervenor's the names, addresses, titles, telephone numbers, and dates of employment for all Quality Assurance personnel employed in the Catawba Projects Division. The Licensing Board has ordered this done so that Intervenor's may contact Quality Assurance employees.

This memorandum is to inform you that your name has been disclosed to, and that you may be contacted by, Intervenor's. Whether you do or do not talk to Intervenor's is solely your own business. However, you should understand that you are under no obligation whatsoever to talk with Intervenor's, and you are completely within your rights to refuse to talk with the Intervenor's in this proceeding.

If you have any questions, contact your supervisor.


G. W. Grier
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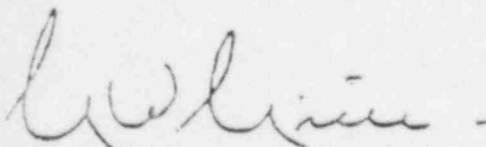
This letter is to inform you that Duke currently has an application for an operating license for Catawba pending before the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Three groups (Palmetto Alliance, Carolina Environmental Study Group (CESG), and the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Environmental Coalition) have intervened and therefore a hearing must be held before the operating license is issued. The proceeding is now before an NRC Licensing Board. This letter is being sent to anyone who has worked in the Quality Assurance/Quality Control Department at the Catawba Nuclear Station.

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We are now at the stage in the proceeding where we are required to furnish information to Intervenorers. As a part of this process, Duke, over its objection, has been required by the Licensing Board to turn over to the Intervenorers the names, addresses, titles, telephone numbers, and dates of employment for all Quality Assurance personnel that have been employed at the Catawba Nuclear Station. The Licensing Board has ordered this done so that Intervenorers may contact these previous employees.

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G. W. Grier
Corporate QA Manager

March 16, 1983

To:

Re: Discovery in the Catawba Operating License Proceeding

As you may or may not know, Duke currently has an application for an operating license for Catawba pending before the NRC. Three groups (Palmetto Alliance, Carolina Environmental Study Group (CESG), and the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Environmental Coalition) have intervened and therefore a hearing must be held before the operating license is issued. The proceeding is now before an NRC Licensing Board.

One of the issues raised by Intervenors, and a most important one, is that of Quality Assurance/Quality Control. The thrust of this issue is toward alleged company attitudes and practices. Put briefly, Intervenors are contending that there is company pressure to approve faulty workmanship at Catawba, and, therefore, there is no assurance that the plant can operate safely.

Two former Duke employees at Catawba, Nolan R. Hoopingarner, II and William R. (Ron) McAfee, are members of the Palmetto Alliance. Each of these individuals has signed an affidavit, which has been submitted to the NRC, in which he alleges that he is personally aware of substandard construction and quality assurance practices. Each has been identified as a potential witness in this proceeding. We have learned of at least two instances in the past year where one of these individuals has contacted Duke employees at their homes to try to get information relating to QA/QC and construction practices.

We are now at the stage in the proceeding where we are required to furnish information to Intervenors on the issues which will be the subject of the hearing. As a part of this, Duke has been required to identify any instances of (1) disagreements between a QA Inspector and his or her supervisors and/or Duke management; or (2) any complaints or suggestions by workers regarding substandard workmanship and significant deficiencies in plant design and construction or pressure to approve faulty workmanship. In responding to this inquiry, your name was identified in connection with (1) a November 11, 1982 disagreement related to work at Catawba, and (2) the Welding Inspector Task Force Report.

This memorandum is to inform you that your name, as required by the Licensing Board, has been disclosed to, and that you may be contacted by, Intervenors. Whether you do or do not talk to Intervenors is solely your own business. However, you should understand that you are under no obligation whatsoever to talk with Intervenors, and you are completely within your rights to refuse to talk with, or cooperate with in any way, the Intervenors in this proceeding.

G. W. Grier
Corporate QA Manager