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Attention: Ms. E. G. Adensam, Chief
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Re: Catawba Nuclear Station
Docket Nos. 50-413 and 50-414

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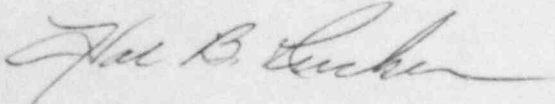
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These responses provide a detailed history of the procurement, quality assurance and operational experience with the Catawba 1A and 1B diesel generators. In order to provide the Staff with reasonable assurance that the TDI diesel generators at Catawba will provide reliable emergency power, two related programs are now underway.

Duke is actively participating in the TDI Diesel Generators Owners Group program which was presented to the Staff in a January 26, 1984 meeting. In addition to the Owners Group program, Duke has initiated a plant specific effort which includes a test and inspection program. This program is more fully described in the attached program description, Extended Operation Test of Diesel Generator 1A.

Recognizing the importance of resolution of the diesel generator issue, we would like to meet with the Staff at their earliest convenience to discuss the resolution of this concern.

Very truly yours,



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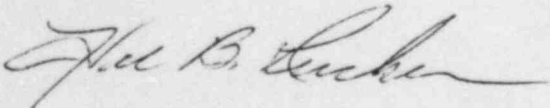
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