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SUBJECT: FINAL INTEGRATED PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR CATAWBA (NRC  
INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-413/95-15 AND 50-414/95-15)

Gentlemen:

Mr. Walter Rogers, NRC Team Leader, and others have completed the three phases of the Integrated Performance Assessment Process specific to the Catawba Nuclear Station for the period between October 3, 1993, and August 18, 1995. Phase I ended on July 21, 1995, with the issuance of the initial integrated performance assessment report. Phase II ended on August 18, 1995, after two weeks of onsite inspection and validation of findings. This inspection was accomplished through interviews, record review and direct observations of site activities. After completing an analysis of the information gained from the previous phases, the third phase concluded with the issuance of this final integrated performance assessment report.

The assessment team concluded that excellent performance in all elements associated with the emergency preparedness and security functions warranted reduced inspection. Radiation protection activities associated with refueling outage preparation and implementation warranted increased inspection. In addition, the elements of maintenance programs and procedures, the quality of operations, and overall station problem analysis and evaluation warranted increased inspection. Normal inspection was considered appropriate for all other elements. A summary of the results of this assessment, along with a graphical representation of the results on a Performance Assessment/Inspection Planning Tree, is appended to the inspection report for your review.

No written response to this letter is required. As discussed at the exit meeting on August 18, 1995, this assessment report will provide a significant input to the upcoming Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance process. In addition, periodic management meetings initiated by Duke Power Company are planned to be held to discuss Catawba's performance. We expect these meetings to place emphasis on the areas of weakness in this report.

The team would like to acknowledge the positive attitude shown by the site staff in preparation for, and during the onsite inspection. Their efforts significantly contributed to the quality and depth of the integrated assessment. We also appreciate your feedback on this new NRC initiative which you provided at the exit meeting. It is our intent to provide this information to our headquarters in order to continue to improve the integrated

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assessment. Should you have any additional questions concerning the assessment or the assessment process, please contact Mr. Walt Rogers at (404) 331-5542.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

Sincerely,

(Original signed by J. J. Johnson)

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Enclosure: NRC Inspection Report

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