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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-413 and 50-414]

DUKE POWER COMPANY

(Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2)

RECEIPT OF REQUEST FOR ACTION UNDER 10 CFR 2.206

Notice is hereby given that by letter dated June 27, 1984 Mr. Robert Guild, on behalf of the Palmetto Alliance, has requested pursuant to 10 CFR 2.206 that the Director of the Office of Inspection and Enforcement initiate proceedings pursuant to 10 CFR 2.202 to modify, suspend or revoke the construction permits for the Catawba Nuclear Station. The request is based primarily on the petitioners' disagreement with the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board over the significance of the Board's recent findings regarding inadequacies in the quality assurance program for the Duke Power Company's Catawba Nuclear Station. In its decision, the Licensing Board found that, despite instances of inadequacies in the quality assurance program and instances of harassment or intimidation of quality control inspectors, there was reasonable assurance that the plant had been constructed adequately to ensure no undue risk to public health and safety in the event that Catawba Unit 1 was authorized to operate. At the time the petitioner's request was filed, the Director was about to issue a decision regarding another petition filed on behalf of the Palmetto Alliance by the Government Accountability Project. This decision reviewed many of the same matters that were before the Licensing Board for decision. In the 2.206 decision (DD-84-16) the Director concluded that there had not been a significant

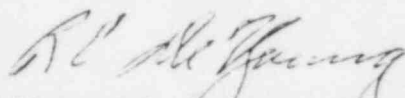
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quality assurance breakdown at Catawba such that the initiation of enforcement proceedings to modify the Catawba construction permits was warranted. The June 27th petition filed by Mr. Guild does not present any new information that was not considered in reaching the recent § 2.206 decision, and therefore no action appears warranted at this time to grant the relief requested by Mr. Guild on behalf of the petitioner. The staff is reviewing the Catawba Partial Initial Decision and the Board's findings which are of concern to petitioner relative to 10 CFR 50.7. As provided in 10 CFR 2.206, the staff will take appropriate action on the petitioner's request within a reasonable time upon completion of its review.

A copy of the petitioner's June 27, 1984 request is available for public inspection in the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20555 and in the local public document room for the Catawba Nuclear Station at the York County Library, 138 East Black Street, Rock Hill, South Carolina 29730.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland, this 20th of July 1984.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



Richard C. DeYoung, Director
Office of Inspection and Enforcement