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SUBJECT: SYSTEMATIC ASSESSMENT OF LICENSEE PERFORMANCE (SALP) CATAWBA NUCLEAR
STATION (REPORT NOS. 50-413/95-99 AND 50-414/95-99)

Gentlemen:

The NRC Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) has been completed for your Catawba facility. The facility was evaluated for the period of October 3, 1993, through October 7, 1995. The results of the evaluation are documented in the enclosed SALP report. This report will be discussed with you at a public meeting to be held at the Catawba site on December 4, 1995, at 1:00 p.m.

The SALP assessed facility performance as being good in all four functional areas: plant operations, maintenance, engineering and plant support. Performance declined from the previous assessment period in the plant support area primarily due to problems in minimizing radiation exposure and contamination control, particularly during refueling outages, as well as due to minimally effective self-assessments.

During the early and middle parts of this period, human performance, equipment, and procedure related problems had considerable impact on overall facility performance. Improvement initiatives implemented late in the assessment period (within the last six months) were recognized as having initial positive effects. Accordingly, it is important that management attention continues to be focused on these improvement initiatives, particularly those involving the quality of operations, self-assessment, outage maintenance, radiological controls, and problem root cause analysis.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

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Should you have any questions or comments, I would be pleased to discuss them with you. I look forward to discussing this assessment with you on December 4, 1995.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

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Enclosure: Catawba SALP Report

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