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50-413/414

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SUBJECT: TECHNICAL POSITION ON ASME CODE REPAIR REQUIREMENTS FOR ASME CLASS 3 SERVICE WATER SYSTEM PIPING FOR CATAWBA NUCLEAR STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2 REQUEST FOR RELIEF NO. 95-03 (TAC NOS. M92383 AND M92384)

Dear Mr. McCollum:

On May 11, 1995, Duke Power Company submitted a request for relief from complying with the ASME Code, Section XI requirements for performing repairs on degraded ASME Code Class 3 service water system components in the Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2. Duke Power stated that a total of 75 weld leak sites had been identified and that 39 of these had already been repaired by the time of the relief request submittal.

By letter dated November 2, 1995, you provided additional information and stated that the scope of the relief request for the remaining 36 welds had been reduced to 13 by the reclassification of 22 welds into a category that was not subject to ASME Code requirements and by correction of 1 typographical error. You also stated that, by November 10, 1995, all of the 75 welds would have been repaired, replaced, or reclassified. Accordingly, the requested temporary relief from complying with the Code repair requirements is no longer necessary. The staff considers that this represents a withdrawal of the request for relief.

The staff is issuing the enclosed Technical Position (Enclosure 1) to close the issue and to identify weaknesses in your submittal that should be addressed should similar circumstances requiring relief be encountered in

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Sincerely,

Original signed by L.A.Wiens for:

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2. Guide for Preparing Relief Requests

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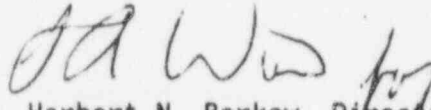
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