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SUBJECT: PLANT PERFORMANCE REVIEW - CATAWBA NUCLEAR STATION

Dear Mr. McCollum:

On February 26, 1996, the NRC staff completed the semiannual Plant Performance Review (PPR) of the Catawba Nuclear Station. The staff conducts these reviews for all operating nuclear power plants to develop an integrated understanding of safety performance. The results are used by regional management to facilitate planning and allocation of inspection resources. The PPR for Catawba involved the participation of all regional technical divisions and NRR in evaluating inspection results and safety performance information for the period from September 1995 to February 1996. PPRs provide regional management with a current summary of licensee performance and serve as inputs to the NRC Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) and senior management meeting (SMM) reviews.

This letter advises you of our planned inspection effort resulting from the Catawba PPR review. It is provided to minimize the resource impact on your staff and to allow for scheduling conflicts and personnel availability issues to be resolved in advance of inspector arrival onsite. The enclosure details our inspection plan for the next six months. The basis for each inspection outside the core inspection program is provided so that you are aware of the reason for emphasis in these program areas. Resident inspections are not listed due to their ongoing and continuous nature.

During each NRC inspection planned during this period, specific attention will be given to the verification of selected Updated Final Safety Analysis Report (UFSAR) commitments. Applicable portion(s) of the UFSAR that relate to the inspection activities will be reviewed and verification made that the UFSAR commitments have been properly implemented into plant practices, procedures and/or parameters. The goal is to determine the accuracy of the UFSAR regarding existing plant practices and conditions by providing specific attention to the UFSAR when performing various reactor inspections. Inspectors will not be judging the overall completeness of the UFSAR; rather, the inspections will focus on identifying differences between the UFSAR description and the plant.

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We will inform you of any changes to the inspection plan. If you have any questions, please contact R. V. Crlenjak at (404) 331-5506.

Sincerely,

Original signed by
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

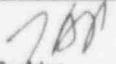


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INSPECTION PLAN

INSPECTION PROCEDURE/ TEMPORARY INSTRUCTION	TITLE/[PROGRAM AREA]	NUMBER OF INSPECTORS	PLANNED INSPECTION DATES	TYPE OF INSPECTION - COMMENTS
IP 71001	Licensed Operator Requalification Program Evaluation [PLANT OPERATIONS - OLHP]	2	10/28 - 11/1/96	Core - Licensed Operator Requalification Program Inspection
	Initial Operator License Examinations [PLANT OPERATIONS - OLHP]	2	4/22-26/96 (prep) 5/6-10/96 (exam)	Regional Initiative - Initial Operator Examinations
IP 71707 & 40500	Plant Operations and Controls in Identifying, Resolving, and Preventing Problems [PLANT OPERATIONS - DRP]	1	TBD	Regional Initiative - Monitor off-shift management oversight of operations and self-assessment activities... (to be accomplished by visiting SRI)
IP 50001	Steam Generator Replacement Inspection [ENGINEERING - MNT]	1	4/16-20/96 5/6-10/96 6/24-28/96 7/22-26/96 8/5-9/96 8/19-23/96	Regional Initiative - Steam Generator Replacement
IP 62703 & 61726	Maintenance & Surveillance Observations [MAINTENANCE - MNT]	1	6/3-7/96 9/9-13/96	Core - Support to Resident Inspector
IP 62700	Maintenance Implementation [MAINTENANCE - MNT]	1	7/8-12/96 7/29 - 8/2/96	Regional Initiative - Equipment Reliability

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IP 50001	Steam Generator Replacement Inspection [ENGINEERING - ENG]	1	8/12-16/96	Regional Initiative - Steam Generator Replacement
IP 37550	Engineering [ENGINEERING - ENG]	2	3/11-15/96	Core - Spent Fuel Pool Design Inspection
IP 37550	Engineering [ENGINEERING - ENG]	1	3/25-29/96	Reactive Regional Initiative - Assessment of AFW check valve leakage/increased temperature on piping analysis
IP 38701 & 38703	Procurement Program & Commercial Grade Procurement Inspection [ENGINEERING - ENG]	2	10/21-25/96 10/28 - 11/1/96	Regional Initiative - Substitution and Verification of Critical Characteristics in Commercial Grade Procurement
IP 93801	Safety System Functional Inspection [ENGINEERING - ENG]	2	6/17-21/96	Regional Initiative - Inspection of SSF
IP 37550	Engineering [ENGINEERING - ENG]	1	4/22-26/96	Regional Initiative - Vital Battery Replacement
IP 50001	Steam Generator Replacement Inspection [ENGINEERING - PS]	1	5/20-24/96 7/15-19/96 7/22-26/96	Regional Initiative - (ALARA) Steam Generator Replacement
IP 82301	Evaluation of EP Exercise [PLANT SUPPORT - PS]	3	3/11-15/96	Core

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IP 81700	Physical Security Program [PLANT SUPPORT - SI]	1	9/23-27/96	Core
IP 50001	Steam Generator Replacement Inspection [ENGINEERING - SI]	1	6/3-7/96	Regional Initiative - (Structural Support Modifications) Steam Generator Replacement
TI 2515-118	Service Water System Operational Performance Inspection (SWSOPI) [ENGINEERING - SI]	2	4/8-12/96	Regional Initiative - SWSOPI Followup