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Docket Nos. 50-413 and 50-414
License Nos. NPF-35 and NPF-52
EA 92-165

Duke Power Company
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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-413/92-22 AND
50-414/92-22

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. William Orders of this office on August 9, 1992 - September 15, 1992. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your Catawba facility. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed inspection report.

Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observation of activities in progress.

The enclosed Inspection Report identifies activities that violated NRC requirements that will not be subject to enforcement action because the licensee's efforts in identifying and/or correcting the violation meet the criteria specified in Section VII.B. of the Enforcement Policy.

In addition, one apparent violation was identified and is being considered for escalated enforcement action in accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions" (Enforcement Policy), 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C (57 FR 5791, February 18, 1992). This apparent violation involves four examples of equipment configuration discrepancies associated with the Unit 1 Steam Generator Blowdown, Safety Injection, and Chemical and Volume Control Systems. Accordingly, no Notice of Violation is presently being issued for these inspection findings. Please be advised that the number and characterization of apparent violations described in the enclosed inspection report may change as a result of further NRC review.

An enforcement conference to discuss this apparent violation has been scheduled for October 5, 1992. The purposes of this

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conference are to discuss the apparent violation, its cause and safety significance; to provide you the opportunity to point out any errors in our inspection report; to provide an opportunity for you to present your proposed corrective action; and to discuss any other information that will help us determine the appropriate enforcement action in accordance with the Enforcement Policy. In particular, we expect you to address the recurrent nature of equipment configuration discrepancies at your facility, your assessment of the effectiveness of your corrective actions implemented thus far, planned corrective actions, and the time frame within which these actions will be implemented. You will be advised by separate correspondence of the results of our deliberations on this matter. No response regarding the apparent violation is required at this time.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice", a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact us.

Sincerely,

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