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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
ACT REQUEST

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Dear Mr. Felton:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 522, as amended, the Nuclear Information and Resource Service requests the following documents regarding a Notice of Violation at the Catawba plant. Please consider "documents" to include reports, studies, test results, correspondence, memoranda, meeting notes, meeting minutes, working papers, graphs, charts, diagrams, notes and summaries of conversations and interviews, computer records, and any other forms of written communication, including internal NRC Staff memoranda. In your response, please identify which documents correspond to which requests below.

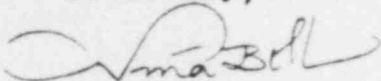
Pursuant to this request, please provide all documents prepared or utilized by, in the possession of, or routed through the NRC related to:

1. The Notices of Violation 84-88-01 and 84-39-01 (associated with Inspection Reports 50-413-84-88 and 50-414-84-39, respectively), concerning "Inadequate Implementation of Quality Assurance Requirements in the Welding Program";
2. All "raw data" (e.g. telephone interviews, affidavits, notes), studies, and analyses done by Duke Power Company, the Brookhaven National Laboratory, and other consultants relating to investigation(s) by Duke Power Company in connection with the "Welder B" issue, and the above-referenced Notices of Violation;
3. All "raw data", studies and analyses done by or for the NRC Staff (or its consultants) for the NRC Staff's investigation of the "Welder B" issue and the above-referenced Notices of Violation; and
4. The NRC Staff review of the Duke Power investigation and documents related to the investigation.

In our opinion, it is appropriate in this case for you to waive search charges, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(4)(A) "because furnishing the information can be considered as primarily benefiting the general public." The Nuclear Information and Resource Service is a non-profit organization serving local organizations concerned about nuclear power and providing information to the general public. Information required by 10 CFR 9.14a was provided by letter dated August 3, 1984. The documents requested by this letter will be used by the intervenors, the Palmetto Alliance, in the Catawba operating license proceeding. Insofar as the information can lead to a full and public airing of issues related to public safety, in an adjudicatory proceeding, the release of such documents will benefit the public living near and around the Catawba plant.

I look forward to a response within the ten working days allowed by law.

Sincerely,



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