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Docket Nos. 50-413, 50-414 License Nos. NPF-35, NPF-52

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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-413/88-03 AND 50-414/88-03

This refers to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) inspection conducted by W. M. Sartor on February 17-21, 1988. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your Catawba racility. 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.

Within the scope of the inspection, no violations or deviations were identified.

Your attention is directed to resolution of the exercise weaknesses identified in Paragraphs 5, 8, 9, 10, 11 of the enclosed report. Although the licensee's actions during the exercise were found to be adequate to protect the health and safety of the public, sufficient concerns were identified to require early demonstration of corrective actions in some areas. These areas and corrective actions were discussed and agreed to via an oral commitment from licensee representatives following the exit interview. The corrective actions were slightly modified on February 29, 1988, per a telephone conversation with Mr. Sartor and Messrs. R. E. Harris and W. B. McRee of your organization. The corrective actions are summarized in the Results paragraph of the enclosed inspection report. If your understanding of this commitment differs from the report statements, please inform this office promptly. Although early corrective actions are required, it is recognized that your challenging scenario for this exercise was highly effective in revealing problem areas.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, 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 concerning this letter, please contact us.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

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Enclosure: Inspection Report

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