

July 7, 1997

Duke Power Company
ATTN: Mr. G. Peterson
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4800 Concord Road
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SUBJECT: NRC INTEGRATED INSPECTION REPORT 50-413/97-08 AND 50-414/97-08 AND
NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Peterson:

On June 7, 1997, the NRC completed an inspection at your Catawba Nuclear Station. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection.

During the six-week period covered by this inspection, your conduct of activities at the Catawba Nuclear Station was generally characterized by safety-conscious operations, sound engineering and maintenance practices, and careful radiological work controls. However, a violation of NRC requirements was identified and cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice). Described in detail in the enclosed report, this violation is of concern for it involved a failure of the operations staff to ensure a timely operability determination following control room indication of low valve actuator nitrogen pressure to a Main Feedwater Containment Isolation Valve. Contributing to this was an inadequate control room annunciator alarm response which failed to specify the alarm setpoint and adequate immediate actions commensurate with the potential inoperability of the valve.

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. The NRC will use your response, in part, to determine whether further enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

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.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:
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Docket Nos. 50-413 and 50-414
License Nos. NPF-35 and NPF-52

Enclosures: 1. Notice of Violation
2. NRC Inspection Report
50-413/97-08, 50-414/97-08

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