

June 30, 1997

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SUBJECT: MEETING SUMMARY - SYSTEMATIC ASSESSMENT OF LICENSEE PERFORMANCE
CATAWBA NUCLEAR STATION

Dear Mr. McCollum:

This refers to the June 23, 1997, meeting held onsite to discuss the NRC's Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance for your Catawba facility. Our report 50-413/97-99 and 50-414/97-99, dated June 4, 1997, had been previously sent to you. A list of attendees and a copy of our presentation handout are enclosed.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.291(a) of the NRC's "Rules of Practice", Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

No reply to this letter is required; however, should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact us.

Sincerely,

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

Enclosures: 1. List of Attendees
2. SALP Presentation Handout

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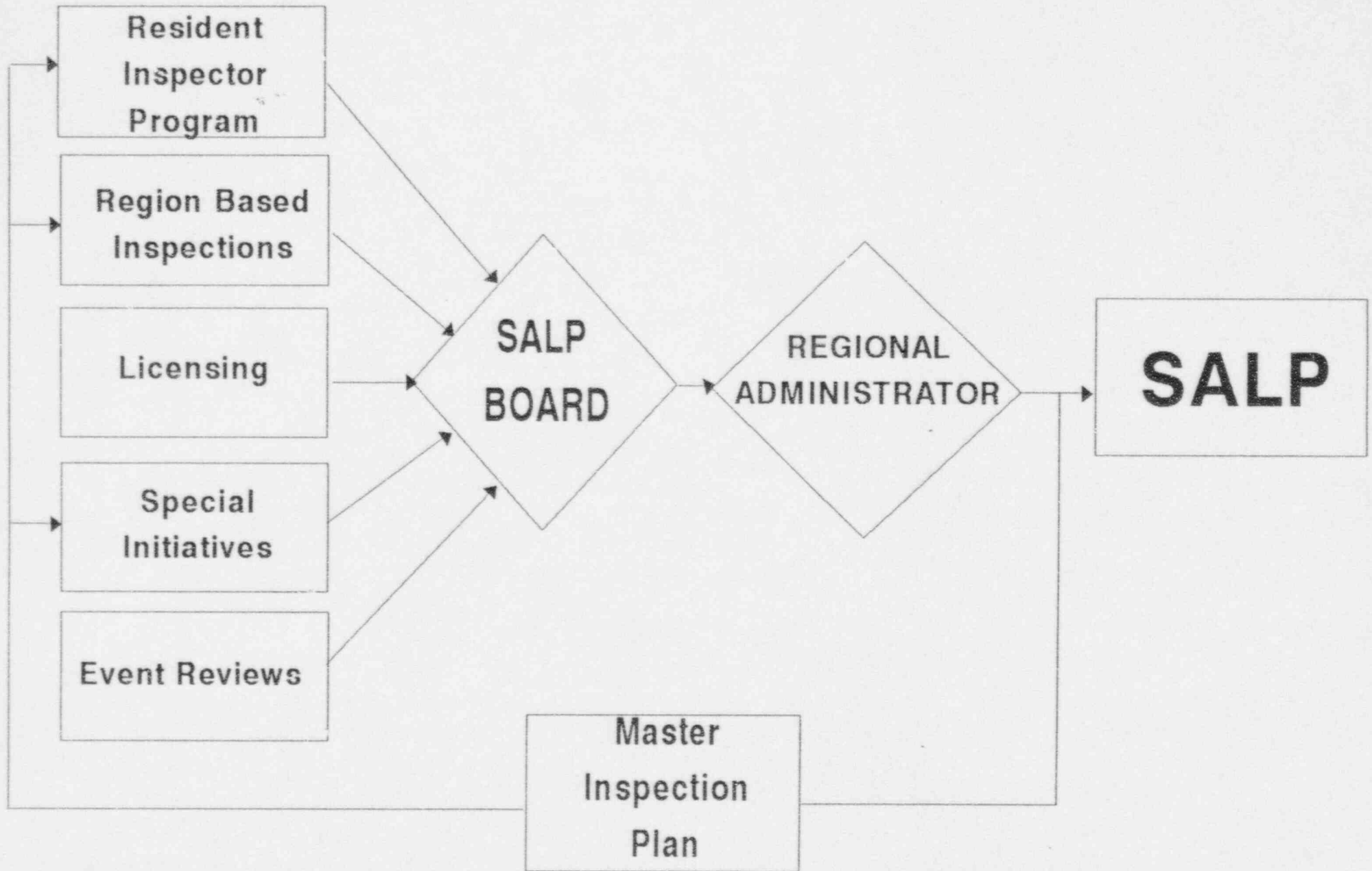
SYSTEMATIC ASSESSMENT OF LICENSEE PERFORMANCE (SALP)

CATAWBA NUCLEAR STATION - UNITS 1 & 2

Appraisal Period: October 8, 1995 through April 26, 1997

SALP Presentation: June 23, 1997

SALP PROCESS



CATEGORY 1 - Superior

Licensee attention and involvement have been properly focused on safety and resulted in a superior level of safety performance. Licensee programs and procedures have provided effective controls. The licensee's self-assessment efforts have been effective in the identification of emergent issues. Corrective actions are technically sound, comprehensive, and thorough. Recurring problems are eliminated and resolution of issues is timely. Root cause analyses are thorough.

CATEGORY 2 - Good

Licensee attention and involvement are normally well-focused and resulted in a good level of safety performance. Licensee programs and procedures normally provide the necessary control of activities, but deficiencies may exist. The licensee's self-assessments are normally good, although issues may escape identification. Corrective actions are usually effective, although some may not be complete. Root cause analyses are normally thorough.

CATEGORY 3 - Acceptable

Licensee attention and involvement have resulted in an acceptable level of safety performance. However, licensee performance may exhibit one or more of the following characteristics. Licensee programs and procedures have not provided sufficient control of activities in important areas. The licensee's self-assessment efforts may not occur until after a potential problem becomes apparent. A clear understanding of the safety implications of significant issues may not have been demonstrated. Numerous minor issues combine to indicate that the licensee's corrective action is not thorough. Root cause analyses do not probe deep enough, resulting in the incomplete resolution of issues. Because the margin to unacceptable performance in important aspects is small, increased NRC and licensee attention is required.

OPERATIONS

SALP Category 1

Strengths

- Sustained Performance Improvement
- Operational Safety Focus
- Self-Assessments

Challenges

- Communication Practices

MAINTENANCE

SALP Category 2

Strengths

- Operational Focus
- Safety System Availability
- Self-Assessments

Challenges

- Equipment Failures
- Procedural Problems
- Special Process Problems

ENGINEERING

SALP Category 1

Strengths

- **Modifications**
- **Support to Operations**
- **Self-Assessments**
- **Completion of Significant Projects**

Challenges

- **Sustain Superior Performance**

PLANT SUPPORT

SALP Category 1

Strengths

- Dose Control
- Control of Effluents and Waste
- Emergency Preparedness
- Security Performance
- Self-Assessments

Challenges

- House Keeping
- Maintain Effective Chemistry

CATAWBA NUCLEAR PLANT

SALP RATING SUMMARY

FUNCTIONAL AREA	RATING THIS PERIOD	RATING LAST PERIOD
PLANT OPERATIONS	1	2
MAINTENANCE	2	2
ENGINEERING	1	2
PLANT SUPPORT	1	2