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NOED 98-6-013 (EA 98-447)
NOED 98-6-015

Duke Energy Corporation
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SUBJECT: NRC INTEGRATED INSPECTION REPORT 50-413/98-08, 50-414/98-08 AND
NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Peterson,

On August 15, 1998, 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, as well as adequate engineering, maintenance, and radiological controls. However, a violation of NRC requirements was identified and is cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice). The violation involves the failure to establish adequate surveillance procedures to ensure that affected trains of auxiliary feedwater system were declared inoperable when performing flushes of the assured nuclear service water suction source.

The NRC has concluded that information regarding the reason for the violation, the corrective actions taken and planned to correct the violation and prevent recurrence is already adequately addressed on the docket in the enclosed inspection report. Therefore, you are not required to respond to this letter unless the description therein does not accurately reflect your corrective actions or your position. In that case, or if you choose to provide additional information, you should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice.

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In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter, its enclosures, and any response you submit 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 50-413/98-08, 50-414/98-08

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