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Packet Nos. 50-413 and 50-414  
License Nos. NPF-35 and NPF-52

Duke Power Company  
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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION  
(NRC INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-413/88-15 AND 50-414/88-15)

This refers to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) inspection conducted by P. K. Van Doorn and M. S. Lesser on March 26, 1988, to April 25, 1988. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your Catawba facility. 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.

The inspection findings indicate that certain activities appeared to violate NRC requirements. In two cases the violations, references to pertinent requirements, and elements to be included in your response are presented in the enclosed Notice of Violation. Because all of the criteria for categorization of licensee identified violations were met in one case, this violation is not being cited. The details pertaining to the licensee identified violation are described in the enclosed Inspection Report.

In addition to the need for corrective action regarding the specific matters identified in the enclosed Notice, we are concerned about the high rate of valid failures on your emergency diesel generators and the maintenance practices which may have contributed to the failures. A management meeting to discuss our mutual concerns regarding the reliability of the emergency diesel generators at Catawba has been scheduled for June 9, 1988, at 10:00 a.m. at the Region II office in Atlanta, Georgia.

Your attention is invited to the unresolved item identified in the inspection report. This matter will be pursued during future inspections.

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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 enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

The responses directed by this letter and the enclosures are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Pub. L. No. 96-511.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact us.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. NRC Inspection Report

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