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Subject: Catawba Nuclear Station  
Docket Nos. 50-413, -414  
Revised Reply to a Notice of Violation

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to 10CFR2.201, Duke Power Company responded to violations 413, 414/88-29-01 for the Catawba Nuclear Station by letter dated September 16, 1988. Subsequently, it was determined that the response did not adequately address the violation as stated. Therefore, find attached a revised reply to the violation.

It should also be noted that during a telephone conversation with the Catawba NRC Resident Inspector (M. Lester) on September 28, 1988, the subject of a violation at Duke's McGuire Nuclear Station involving the McGuire Safety Review Group was discussed. Due to the similarity in which the Catawba and McGuire Safety Review Groups operate, the following action has been taken with regard to Catawba's Safety Review Group.

- o Management has increased the emphasis and the percentage of Catawba Safety Review Group time for pro-actively conducting in-plant reviews.

Should there be any questions concerning this matter, contact S.E. LeRoy at (704) 373-6233.

Very truly yours,

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DUKE POWER COMPANY  
CATAWBA NUCLEAR STATION  
Revised Reply to Notice of Violation  
Inspection Report 50-413, 414/88-29

Violation 413, 414/88-29-01

Catawba Technical Specification 6.2.3.1 states that the Catawba Safety Review Group (CSRG) shall function to examine plant operating characteristics, NRC issuances, industry advisories, reportable events, and other sources which may indicate areas for improving plant safety and shall make detailed recommendations for revised procedures, equipment modifications, or other means of improving plant safety to the director, Nuclear Safety Review Board.

Contrary to the above, no objective evidence exists that the CSRG reviews NRC issuances, industry advisories, or other sources which may indicate areas for improving plant safety in order to make detailed recommendations for revised procedures, equipment modifications, or other means of improving plant safety.

This is a Severity Level V violation (Supplement I).

Reply:

1. Admission or denial of violation:

The violation is admitted in that the requirement of the Technical Specification is not totally performed by the CSRG.

2. Reason for the violation if admitted:

As stated in the violation discussion (see paragraph 2a), this function is being performed by Duke Corporate Nuclear Production Department Engineering/Technical staff and support groups coordinated by the Operating Experience Management Assessment group under the management of the Nuclear Safety Assurance Manager, who also serves as the Director of Duke's Nuclear Safety Review Board. As part of this program CSRG is involved in the review of plant operating characteristics, NRC issuances, industry advisories, reportable events, etc...(see attached figure for outline of information flow). Duke believes this method of handling the items mentioned above satisfies the intent of Technical Specification 6.2.3.1.

3. Corrective steps which have been taken and results achieved:

Duke is preparing a Technical Specification revision that will clarify the functions, responsibilities, and authority of the CSRG which will specifically address the responsibility to examine plant operating characteristics, NRC issuance, industry advisories, reportable events and other sources which may indicate areas for improving plant safety.

4. Corrective steps planned to avoid further violations:

The proposed Technical Specification revision will be submitted to the NRC for approval.

5. Date when full compliance will be achieved:

The Technical Specification Revision will be submitted upon final review and approval of Catawba Management and Duke's Nuclear Safety Review Board.

