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December 8, 1998

SUBJECT: CATAWBA NUCLEAR STATION - RELIEF FROM CERTAIN TESTING
REQUIREMENTS FOR DIESEL FUEL SYSTEM RELIEF VALVES
(TAC NOS. MA3603 AND MA3604)

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The staff has reviewed and evaluated the submitted information. Details of the staff's review are delineated in the enclosed Safety Evaluation. The staff determined that the requirements of OM-1 Paragraphs 7.3.2.2 and 8.1.3.8 on the subject valves are impractical. Imposition of Code requirements would compel DEC to redesign the diesel generator fuel oil system and this would result in an undue burden. The staff, therefore, grants the requested relief and imposes the alternative requirement pursuant to Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Section 50.55a(f)(6)(i). The relief and alternative testing are authorized by law and will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security and are otherwise in the public interest giving due consideration to the burden on DEC if the requirements were imposed on the facility.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:
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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket Nos. 50-413 and 50-414

Enclosure: Safety Evaluation

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