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Attention: Document Control Desk

Subject: McGuire Nuclear Station
Docket Numbers 50-369 and -370
Catawba Nuclear Station
Docket Numbers 50-413 and -414
Proposed Technical Specification Revision; Changes to
Core Operating Limit Methodology List

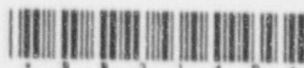
Pursuant to 10 CFR50.90, attached are proposed revisions to Technical Specification 6.9.1.9, which will reference updated or recently approved methodologies used to calculate cycle-specific limits contained in the Core Operating Limits Report (COLR). All of the new references have been reviewed and approved by the NRC staff; therefore, these changes are considered administrative in nature.

Attachment I contains the marked-up changes to Technical Specifications, including: Attachment I.A, markups to Current Technical Specifications (CTS); Attachment I.B, amended Improved Technical Specification (ITS) submittal pages for McGuire and Attachment I.C, amended ITS submittal pages for Catawba, as contained in Duke's May 27, 1997 ITS submittal. Attachment II contains new original pages. Attachment III contains the justification to support the changes. Attachment IV provides an analysis which supports a finding of No Significant Hazards, and Attachment V provides an environmental assessment.

By copy of this letter, the States of North Carolina and South Carolina have been notified of this proposed Technical Specification amendment.

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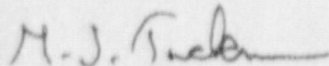


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Changes to methodologies as described in the UFSAR which are contained in the revisions to the topical reports of TS 6.9.1.9 will be incorporated into the UFSAR in the next annual update.

This amendment request has been reviewed by the Plant Operation Review Committees at McGuire and Catawba, and by the corporate Nuclear Safety Review Board.

If any additional information is required, please call Lee Keller at (704) 382-5826.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "M. S. Tuckman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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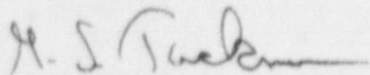
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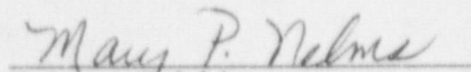
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M. S. Tuckman, being duly sworn, states that he is Executive Vice President of Duke Energy Corporation; that he is authorized on the part of Duke to sign and file with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission revisions to the Facility Operating Licenses of McGuire and Catawba Nuclear Stations; and that all the statements and matters set forth herein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge.



M. S. Tuckman, Executive Vice President

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18TH day of DECEMBER, 1997.


Notary Public

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