February 23, 1998

Duke Energy Corporation
ATTN: Mr. H. B. Barron
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12700 Hagers Ferry Road
Huntersville, NC 28078-8985

SUBJECT:

NRC INTEGRATED INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-369/97-20 AND

50-370/97-20 AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Barron:

On January 24, 1998, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) completed an inspection at your McGuire 1 and 2 reactor facility. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection.

During the six-week period covered by this inspection, your conduct of activities at the McGuire facility was generally characterized by safety-conscious operations, sound engineering and maintenance practices, and careful radiological work controls. Good operational control of Unit 1 and restart of Unit 2 from the refueling outage were identified. However, two violations of NRC requirements were identified and are cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice). The circumstances surrounding the violations are described in detail in the enclosed report. Both violations involved repetitive issues.

Repetitive violations are addressed in the NRC's "Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," (Enforcement Policy), NUREG-1600 Section IV.B. The Enforcement Policy allows the severity level of a violation to be increased if the violation can be considered repetitive. For example, a Severity Level IV violation could be increased to Severity Level III with the attending escalated enforcement action. However, in this case, we have decided not to increase the severity level of the violations because of the immediate corrective action that was taken and the modifications being made to your access control system to prevent recurrence.

The NRC has concluded that information regarding the reason for the violations (Violations 04 and 05 of Section S1.2), the corrective actions taken to correct the violations and prevent recurrence, and the date when full compliance was achieved, is already adequately addressed on the docket in your

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reply to a notice of violation letter, dated October 23, 1997. 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.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790(a) of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR).

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

Sincerely.

Original signed by: Loren R. Plisco, Director Division of Reactor Projects

Docket Nos. 50-369, 50-370 License Nos. NPF-9, NPF-17

Enclosures: 1. Notice of Violation

2. NRC Inspection Report 50-369/97-20, 50-370/97-20

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