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Attachment A

Biological Assessment for Endangered, Threatened, and Noteworthy Species, Wetlands, and Significant Natural Areas in Association With Catawba Nuclear Station and Related Power Transmission Lines,

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BIOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT FOR ENDANGERED, THREATENED, AND NOTEWORTHY SPECIES, WETLANDS, AND SIGNIFICANT NATURAL AREAS IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE CATAWBA NUCLEAR STATION AND RELATED POWER TRANSMISSION LINES

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Project Description

The action proposed by Duke Energy Corporation is the continued operation of the Catawba Nuclear Station in York County, South Carolina under a renewed license of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. In addition, 42.4 miles (68.3 km) of transmission lines associated with the Catawba Nuclear Station in the original environmental impact analysis (U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 1973) will continue to be operated and maintained. No new construction will be carried out as part of this action.

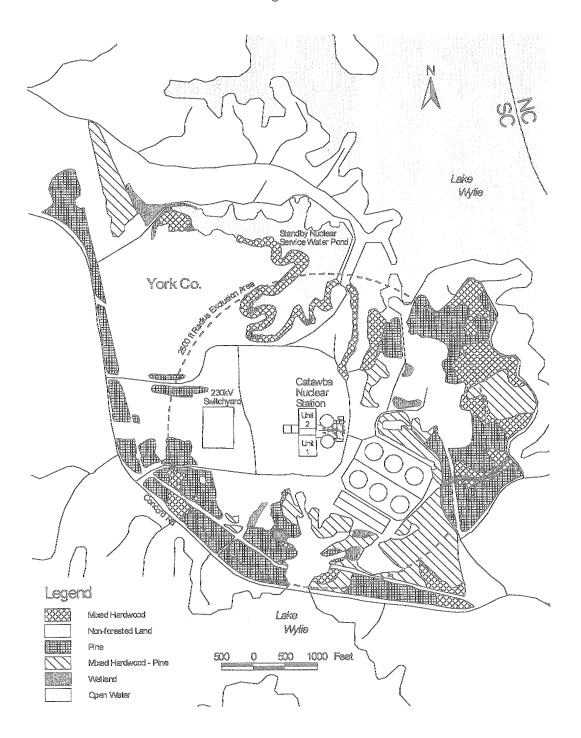
Project Area

Catawba Nuclear Station is located approximately nine miles (14.4 km) north northwest of Rock Hill, South Carolina. The station is on the western shore of Lake Wylie, just over one mile west of the North Carolina-South Carolina state line. The Catawba site is found in the Piedmont physiographic province of South Carolina. The study area harbors typical Piedmont plant communities such as pine, pine-mixed hardwoods, mixed hardwoods, and bottomland mixed hardwoods. The soils of at the Catawba site and those in related power transmission line rights-of-way are relatively diverse. In eastern York County, there are belts of the poorly-drained, basic to circumneutral Iredell soils; in central York County, typical Piedmont sandy and clay loams such as Cecil and Lloyd are prevalent; and in western York County and eastern Cherokee County, the sandy, rocky soils of the Kings Mountain belt prevail.

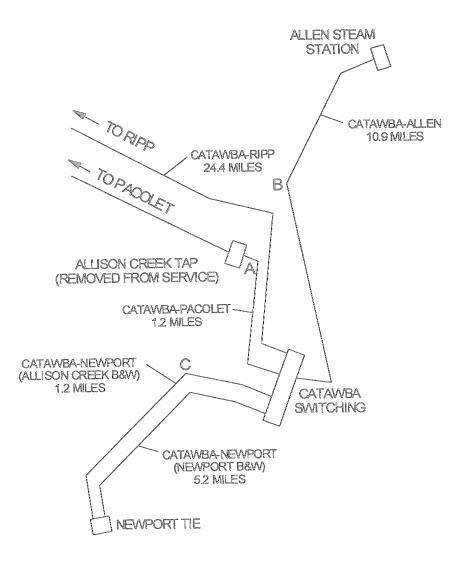
The Exclusion Area, delineated on Figure 1, is the study area for the Catawba relicensing project. It is a circle with a 2500-foot (757.6 m) radius from a center point located between the two reactor buildings and encompasses 450.5 acres (182.4 ha). The relicensing project area also includes approximately 42.4 miles (68.3 km) of transmission rights-of-way radiating northward, southward, and westward from Catawba Nuclear Station (Figure 2).

Table 1 presents a comparison of the plant community coverage of the Exclusion Area in 1974 (from Duke Power Company, 1975) and in 2000 (from Figure 1). Sixty-nine percent of the Exclusion Area is now nonforested land, while only five percent of the site was nonforested before construction began. The total pine acreage of the study area has dropped from 69% to 25%, the pine-mixed hardwood area from 16% to 9% of the Exclusion Area, and the mixed hardwood acreage from 22% to 2%. Currently, approximately 36% of the Exclusion Area is forested.

Catawba Nuclear Station Site Land Cover Figure 1



Catawba Nuclear Station Transmission Lines Figure 2



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Table 1. Plant community percentage cover at the site of the

Catawba Nuclear Station: 1974 and 2000.¹

PLANT COMMUNITY/COVER TYPE	1974	2000
NON-FORESTED AREAS (Clearings, Parking	4	67
Lots, Transmission Corridors, etc.)		
PINE	60	23
PINE-MIXED HARDWOOD	15	8
MIXED HARDWOOD	21	1
WETLAND	0	<1

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¹ Data used in this table was taken from ER Table 2.2.1-1 in the Catawba Nuclear Station Environmental Report, Volume 2 (Duke Power Company, 1975) and from Figure 1 herein.

Methodology

Fieldwork for this project began in June 2000 and continued into the autumn of 2000. All communities and cover types within the Exclusion Area were thoroughly inventoried, with the exception of the industrial areas in the immediate center of the site near the station. Black and white and natural color aerial photographs were used, supplemented by extensive fieldwork, to compile Figure 1—The 2000 vegetation map of the Catawba site.

Table 2, a list of all endangered, threatened, and noteworthy species, habitats, and special areas from York and Cherokee counties, South Carolina, was compiled prior to the initiation of the fieldwork. This list was consulted during the floristic and faunistic fieldwork, which lasted from late June through December. A checklist of the vascular plants of the Exclusion Area and the power transmission rights-of-way was compiled from field notes and serves as the Appendix for this report. Areas that appeared to be reasonable habitat for federally- and state-listed species were intensively inventoried in the summer and in early autumn.

The power transmission rights-of-way associated with the project were also inventoried in summer and early fall. Intensive surveys of the rights-of-way were conducted where reasonable habitat for listed species in Table 2 existed or where a known population of a listed species occurred within 0.5 mile (0.8 km) of the project's transmission lines.

Description of Plant Communities and Habitats Present within the Project Area

According to Figure 2.2.1-1 accompanying the original survey of the vegetation communities of the Catawba Site (Duke Power, 1975), six major plant community/cover types were present before construction began. They were: 1) clearings; 2) fields or pastures; 3) early successional shortleaf pine-Virginia pine; 4) loblolly pine; 5) mixed pine-hardwoods; and 6) hardwoods.

Figure 1 is a new plant community/cover type map of the Catawba Exclusion Area compiled from color and false color infrared aerial photography and from fieldwork conducted in the summer and fall of 2000. Six cover types, including five major plant community types, are included in Figure 1. The plant community types are: 1) non-forested land (includes "clearings" and "fields or pastures" from the 1974 map); 2) pine (includes "early successional shortleaf pine-Virginia pine" and "loblolly pine" from the 1974 map); 3) pine-mixed hardwood (equals "mixed pine-hardwood" on the 1974 map); 4) mixed hardwood ("hardwoods" on the 1974 map); and 5) wetland (not included in the 1974 map). The final cover type included in the 2000 map is open water, which was not considered a category on the 1974 map. Table 1 gives the changes in percentage cover of the plant community types from 1974 to 2000.

Table 2. Endangered, threatened, and noteworthy species and habitats known from York and Cherokee counties, South Carolina.

CIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	GROUP	GLOBAL	STATE RANK	LEGAL STATUS
CRIS CREPITANS CREPITANS	NORTHERN CRICKET FROG	AMPHIB	GST5	S5	SC
GALINIS AURICULATA	EARLEAF FOXGLOVE	PLANT	G3	Sl	SC
	SOFT GROOVEBUR	66	G5	IS1	SC
	NODDING ONION	64	G5	IS?	SC
MPHIANTHUS PUSILLUS	POOL SPRITE	66	G2]S1	FT/ST
STER GEORGIANUS (B)	GEORGIA ASTER		G2G3	S?	F/Candidate
STER LAEVIS	SMOOTH BLUE ASTER	66	G5	S?	SC
AMASSIA SCILLOIDES	WILD HYACINTH	66	G4G5	S2	RC
AREX SCABRATA (C)	ROUGH SEDGE	56	G5	IS?	SC
CYPERUS GRANITOPHILUS	GRANITE-LOVING FLATSEDGE	66	G3Q	S?	SC
ASISTOMA MACROPHYLLA	MULLEIN FOXGLOVE	64	G4	S?	SC
ELEOCHARIS PALUSTRIS	SPIKE-RUSH	66	G5	S?	SC
ELIMIA CATENARIA	GRAVEL ELIMIA	MOLLUSK	G?	S?	SC
ELYMUS RIPARIUS	WILD-RYE	PLANT	G5	S?	SC
ETHEOSTOMA COLLIS	CAROLINA DARTER	FISH	G3	IS?	SC
EUPATORIUM SESSILIFOLIUM VAR VASEYI	THOROUGHWORT	PLANT	G5T?	S?	sc
HALIAEETUS LEUCOCEPHALUS	BALD EAGLE	BIRD	G4	S2	FT/SE
HELIANTHUS LAEVIGATUS (B)	SMOOTH SUNFLOWER	PLANT	G4	IS?	SC
HELIANTHUS SCHWEINITZII	SCHWEINITZ'S SUNFLOWER	66	G2	S1	FE/SE
HEXASTYLIS NANIFLORA (C)	DWF-FLWERED HEARTLEAF	66	G2	S2	FT/ST
HYRDRANGEA CINEREA (C)	ASHY HYDRANGEA	"	G4	S?	SC
HYMENOCALLIS CORONARIA	SHOALS SPIDER-LILY	66	G2Q	S2	INC
ISOETES PIEDMONTANA	PIEDMONT QUILLWORT		G3	S2	SC
JUNCUS GEORGIANUS	GEORGIA RUSH	66	G4	S?	SC
LILIUM CANADENSE	CANADA LILY	"	G5	S1?	SC
LIPOCARPHA MICRANTHA	DWARF BULRUSH	66	G4	S2	SC
MELANTHIUM VIRGINICUM	VIRGINIA BUNCHFLOWER		G5	S?	SC
MENISPERMUM CANADENSE (B)	CANADA MOONSEED	66	G5	S?	SC
MINUARTIA UNIFLORA	ONE-FLOWER STITCHWORT	66	G4	S?	SC
MONADNOCK (B)		HABITAT	G?	S?	SC
MYOTIS AUSTRORIPARIUS (C)	SOUTHEASTERN MYOTIS	MAMMA	L G3G4	S2S3	ST
NAJAS FLEXILIS	SLENDER NAIAD	PLANT	G5	S?	SC
OUTCROP		HABITAT	r G?	S?	SC
PANAX QUINQUEFOLIUS	AMERICAN GINSENG	PLANT	G4	S2S3	RC
POA ALSODES	BLUE-GRASS	66	G4G5	S?	SC
QUERCUS BICOLOR	SWAMP WHITE OAK	66	GS	S1	SC
QUERCUS OGLETHORPENSIS	OGLETHORPE'S OAK	64	G3	<u></u> \$3	SC
RANA PALUSTRIS	PICKEREL FROG	AMPHIE	G5	S?	SC
RANUNCULUS FASCICULARIS	EARLY BUTTERCUP	PLANT	G5	S?	SC
RATIBIDA PINNATA	GRAY-HEAD PRAIRIE CONEFLOWER	66	G5	S?	sc
RUDBECKIA HELIOPSIDIS	SUN-FACING CONEFLOWER	66	G2	S1	NC
SCUTELLARIA PARVULA	SMALL SKULLCAP	++	G4	S?	SC

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HOOFFERT FARTA CEDRATAS	SERRATE-LEAVED SKULLCAP	66		S1	?
SILPHIUM TEREBINTHINACEUM	PRAIRIE ROSINWEED	"	G4G5	S1	SC
SOLIDAGO PTARMICOIDES	PRAIRIE GOLDENROD	66	G5	S?	SC
SOLIDAGO RIGIDA	PRAIRIE GOLDENROD	66	G5	S1	SC
THERMOPSIS MOLLIS	SOFT-HAIRED THERMOPSIS	66	G4?	S?	SC
TIARELLA CORDIFOLIA VAR CORDIFOLIA	HEART-LEAVED FOAM FLOWER	66	GSTS	S?	sc
TORREYOCHLOA PALLIDA	PALE MANNA GRASS	66	G5?	S?	SC
VERBENA SIMPLEX	NARROW-LEAVED VERVAIN	66	G5	S?	SC
VERONICASTRUM VIRGINICUM	CULVER'S-ROOT	66	G5	S?	SC
XEROPHYLLUM ASPHODELOIDES (C)	TURKEY-BEARD	66	G4	S1	sc

Species in bold are federally-listed or candidates for listing. Underlined species are found within 0.5 mile of the site or one of the associated rights-of-way.

Rank: G=global; S=state. 1=0-5 populations or critically imperiled; 2=6-20 populations or imperiled; 3=21-100 populations or rare or uncommon; 4=greater than 100 populations known or apparently secure; 5=secure globally, though may be locally rare.

Status: F=federal; S=state. E=endangered; T=threatened; NC=national concern; RC=regional concern; SC=state concern.

*First published record from South Carolina; currently this species in not listed in South Carolina, but is listed on the North Carolina "watch" list in Amoroso (1999).

Data in Table 2 taken from South Carolina Department of Natural Resources web site; last updated June, 2000.

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(B)-FOUND IN BOTH COUNTIES; (C)-FOUND ONLY IN CHEROKEE COUNTY; ALL OTHER SPECIES ONLY FOUND IN YORK COUNTY.

The five cover types mapped on Figure 1 are discussed below:

- 1. Non-forested Land. This cover type includes industrial areas, parking lots, lawns, and ornamental planting areas (e.g., trees in parking lot medians). Native species are generally absent from these areas. Some weedy disturbed areas have a flora similar to that of transmission line rights-of-way (see Transmission Rightsof-Way Related to the Catawba Relicensing Project below). Many parking lot banks and roadbanks are planted with sericea lespedeza (*Lespedeza cuneata*).
- 2. Pine. Most of the pine communities of the Catawba Site Exclusion Area are young, planted loblolly pine (*Pinus taeda*) communities. These communities range between 20 and 50 years old and are scattered throughout the project area (Figure 1). Virginia pine (*Pinus virginiana*) and, rarely, shortleaf pine (*Pinus echinata*) are widely scattered in the pine communities. The understory and herbaceous layer of this type has very few species.
- 3. Pine-Mixed Hardwood. The pine-mixed hardwood stands at Catawba are the product of natural succession from pine woods to hardwoods. This type is highly variable and includes xeric (dry) and mesic (moist) stands. Most of the pinemixed hardwood stands, however, are dry-site communities found on upper slopes or ridges. In these stands, xeric species such shortleaf pine, Virginia pine, white oak (Quercus alba), southern red oak (Quercus falcata), post oak (Quercus stellata), black oak (Quercus velutina), mockernut hickory (Carya tomentosa) dominate the canopy. In areas with more moisture such as bluffs and ravines, this type is often found mixed with the mixed hardwood type, especially where clearing has taken place in the past. Here, tulip poplar (Liriodendron tulipifera), red oak (Quercus rubra), white ash (Fraxinus americana), are mixed in the canopy with scattered shortleaf pines. The understory species in the pine-mixed hardwood type are sourwood (Oxydendrum arboreum), sparkleberry (Vaccinium arboreum), chalk maple (Acer leucoderme) (see Natural Areas below), and dogwood (Cornus florida). The herbaceous layer in this plant community is often open with scattered spotted wintergreen (Chimaphila maculata), woodland oat grass (Stipa avenacea), and other dry-site herbs and graminoids.

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- 4. Mixed Hardwood. The mixed hardwood type is found in coves, ravines, on bluffs, and on moist slopes. Here, pines are generally absent or rare in the canopy and deciduous tree species are the dominant species. In mesic coves and ravines, white oak, red oak, white ash (*Fraxinus americana*), tulip poplar, (*Liquidambar styraciflua*), American beech (*Fagus grandifolia*), and pignut hickory (*Carya glabra*) are the most commonly-seen species. On the other hand, on drier slopes and xeric ridgetops, post oak, black oak, southern red oak, and scattered shortleaf pine prevail in the canopy. Dogwood (*Cornus florida*), redbud (*Cercis canadensis*), sourwood, beech, red maple (*Acer rubrum*), eastern red cedar (in dry communities), and elms (*Ulmus rubra* and *Ulmus alata*) are found in the understory of the mixed hardwood type. Bloodroot (*Sanguinaria canadesis*), Virginia snakeroot (*Aristolochia serpentaria*), sedges (*Carex* spp.), and common heartleaf (*Hexastylis arifolia*) were among the most common species of the herbaceous layer of this cover type.
- 5. Wetland. The "wetland" cover type is a catch-all type that includes numerous small wetland plant communities scattered around the Catawba Site. Among the wetland areas mapped on Figure 1 are small bottomlands, beaver ponds, disturbed seepages, creekbanks, lake margins, and artificial impoundments. Black willow (Salix nigra), tag alder (Alnus serrulata), river birch (Betula nigra), buttonbush (Cephalanthus occidentalis), sycamore (Platanus occidentalis), and sweet gum (Liquidambar styraciflua) are the woody dominants in these wetland types. In disturbed, open areas such as beaver ponds and disturbed seepages and creekbanks, black willow and tag alder dominate. Along lake margins, buttonbush, black willow, swamp tupelo (Nyssa biflora)(rarely), and nonwoody species such as seedboxes (Ludwigia spp.), cutgrasses (Leersia spp.), and sedges (Carex spp.) are abundant. Cattail (Typa latifolia) and woolgrass bulrush (Scirpus cyperinus) are present in openings in one impoundment with black willow and other wetland species. Two wet ravine bottoms in the southern portion of the project area along Lake Wylie harbor stands of bottomland hardwood species such as sweet gum, river birch, black willow, green ash (Fraxinus pennsylvanica), red maple (Acer rubrum), sycamore, and cottonwood (Populus deltoides). The understories here are dominated by false nettle (Boehmeria cylindrica), flatseeded cutgrass (Leersia lenticularis), and Virginia dayflower (Commelina virginica).

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Federally-Listed Species Known From York and Cherokee Counties

Table 2 includes both federally- and state-listed endangered, threatened, and otherwise noteworthy species (species that are not listed by federal or state officials that the author or Duke Energy has deemed noteworthy for a specific reason) known from York County, South Carolina. Species listed by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (federally-listed species) and those waiting to be listed (candidate species) are given in bold type. Three federally-listed species and one federal candidate species are known to occur or have occurred in York County. They are: pool sprite (*Amphianthus pusillus*) (Threatened), bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) (Threatened), Schweinitzi)(Endangered), Georgia aster (*Aster georgianus*)(Candidate), The possible presence of these species at the Catawba site and its related power transmission rights-ofway is discussed below:

Pool Sprite; Snorkelwort. Pool sprite is found in shallow vernal pools on granite flatrocks. It is not known near the Catawba Site, but it has been reported from a rock outcrop near one of the transmission lines in the project area. A five-mile (8 km) section of the transmission line near this population was checked closely for granitic flatrocks that may harbor this federally-listed threatened species. Although several small outcrops and some boulder fields were found, no habitat for this species occurred.

Bald Eagle. Although habitat for the threatened bald eagle exists around Lake Wylie, no nesting sites are currently known within the Catawba site or along the related power transmission lines. An abandoned nest, not known to have been active in over a decade, is found one mile (1.6 km) southeast of the Exclusion Area.

Schweinitz' sunflower. Schweinitz' sunflower, listed as endangered by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, is found in glade-like woods or in nonforested areas over magnesium- and calcium-rich soils such as the Iredell type. No Iredell soils are found at the Catawba site itself within the Exclusion Area; however, there are several populations of the sunflower 3.0 miles (4.8 km) south of the Catawba site. An inventory of transmission lines near known populations of the plant revealed that no Schweinitz' sunflowers were growing within the transmission line rights-of-way.

Georgia Aster. Georgia aster is a "candidate" species for listing by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. This status means that the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service has already determined that it should be listed and the species is awaiting listing. It is known from the Piedmont of South Carolina on Iredell and other basic and circumneutral soils in openings and in disturbed areas. In York County, however, it occurs in the western portion of the county on more acidic soils associated with the Kings Mountain geological belt. Although several populations of the aster are found north of the Allison Creek Tap to Ripp Switching transmission in Cherokee County, no plants of this species were found along the actual rights-of-way or within the Catawba Exclusion Area. Dwarf-flowered Heartleaf. The western portion of the Allison Creek Tap to Ripp Switching transmission right-of-way passes through the northeastern corner of Cherokee County, South Carolina. Dwarf-flowered heartleaf, federally-listed as threatened (Table 2), is known from Cherokee County. Most populations of the rare heartleaf, however, are found in central and western Cherokee County. The plant has not been reported from the Kings Mountain geological belt in northeastern Cherokee County. In the spring of 1999, I examined several populations of heartleaves in the Kings Mountain belt of North and South Carolina—all populations turned out to be the Piedmont heartleaf (*Hexastylis minor*). Several populations of what I assumed to be Piedmont heartleaf are found in ravines and on bluffs of the Allison Creek Tap to Ripp Switching transmission right-of-way south of Ripp Switching Station. Spring inventories of these sites will be conducted for positive determination of species. None of these populations, however, actually occur within the right-of-way of the transmission line.

State-Listed Species Known from York and Cherokee Counties

Table 2 presents South Carolina state-listed species that are known to occur or have occurred in York and Cherokee counties. Of the 40 state-listed species known from York County, 36 are vascular plants, two are amphibians, one is a mollusk, and one is a fish. Additionally, South Carolina Department of Natural Resources lists two habitat types—monadnock and [rock] outcrop—as noteworthy types in York County. Species underlined in Table 2 are found within 0.5 mile (0.8 km) of the Catawba site Exclusion Area or one of its related transmission lines.

No state-listed species were found in the Exclusion Area or within the rights-of-way of any transmission lines related to the Catawba relicensing project. One plant new to South Carolina—showy skullcap (*Scutellaria serrata*)—was growing on a rich bluff just south of one of the transmission rights-of-way. This record will be brought to the attention of the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources and will be included in Duke Power's vegetation management database.

Wetlands of the Project Area

The wetlands of the project area are discussed in detail in the section Plant Communities and Habitats Present within the Project Area above. Figure 1 illustrates eleven wetlands within the Catawba site Exclusion Area and three wetlands just outside of the Exclusion Area. Duke Power (1999) also contains information and maps on the wetlands of the Catawba site. As discussed earlier, the wetlands of the project area are small bottomlands, beaver ponds, disturbed seepages, creek banks, and artificial impoundments. Most of the wetlands, with the exception of the bottomlands and creek banks, are in an early successional stage. Only 7.1 percent of the Exclusion Area is wetland. About 75-90 percent of these wetlands would probably be considered jurisdictional in the sense of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (1987). Site environmental work policies filed by Duke Power prohibit construction work in wetlands.

Significant Natural Areas

Several mature mixed hardwood ravines were found on the shores of Lake Wylie in the southern portion of the Catawba Site Exclusion Area (Figure 1). Here, good stands of chalk maple are found in the understory of middle-aged mixed hardwood stands. The most significant natural community within the project area, however, is a northwest-facing dry bluff adjacent to Catawba Park, a boat-landing/recreation area in the northern portion of the Exclusion Area.

Here, scattered mature southern red oak, white oak, black oak [trees to 28 inches (71 cm) in diameter at breast height], slippery elm (*Ulmus rubra*), and mockernut hickory dominate the bluff with widely scattered shortleaf pine. Sourwood, eastern red cedar, dogwood, and excellent open stands of mature chalk maple are found in the understory. The herbaceous layer is also relatively open with spotted wintergreen, round-leaved beggar-ticks (*Desmodium rotundifolium*), and common heartleaf (*Hexastylis arifolia*) were common. This community resembles the Oak-Chalk Maple glade type that is known from mafic and calcareous sites in the Piedmont of the Carolinas. In most known dry, open, glade-like chalk maple communities, however, the canopy dominant is usually chestnut oak (*Quercus prinus*); here, the dominant tree is black oak (*Quercus velutina*). This site therefore harbors what may be a rare and little-known Piedmont community type in South Carolina.

Transmission Rights-of-Way Related to the Catawba Relicensing Project

Transmission rights-of-way related to the relicensing of the Catawba Nuclear Station include approximately 42.4 miles (68.3 km) of right-of-way. These rights-of-way are listed in Table 3. Duke Energy has a well-established set of management practices for transmission line right-of-way maintenance (Duke, 1996). These best management practices include: erosion and sediment control, soil stabilization, stream and wetland protection, and protection of sensitive areas and sensitive species. Vegetation control of the transmission lines of the project has historically involved mowing and/or treatment with herbicides.

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Catawba- Newport (Newport R&W)	5.2(8.4)	5.2(8.4) all new
Catawba- Newport (Allison Creek	0.7(1.1)	0.7(1.1) new line; 4.5(7.2) removed from service
Catawba- Pacolet	1.2(1.9)	Extended line 1.2(1.9) from former Allison Creek tie; no work performed on remainder of line
Catawba-Ripp	24.4(39.3)	24.4(39.3) all new
Catawba- Allen	10 9/17 5)	9.6(15.5) rebuilt; 1.3(2.1) new
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Table 3. Power Transmission Lines in Miles (Kilometers) Related to the Relicensing Permit for the Catawba Nuclear Station, York County, South Carolina.

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The vegetation in the transmission rights-of-way associated with the project was predominantly herbaceous and graminaceous and varied considerably with moisture regime and slope position. Although tag alder and black willow often sprouted along seepages wetlands and on the back waters of beaver ponds, most of the vegetation of the rights-of-way consists of old-field and disturbed area nonforested species such as grasses of the genera *Andropogon* (bluestems), *Aristida* (wire-grasses) and herbs of the composite family such as *Helianthus* (sunflowers), *Solidago* (goldenrods), and *Aster* (asters). The vascular plant species list in the Appendix includes all vascular plant species list in rights-of-way.

Intensive surveys were done on the western portion of the Allison Creek Tap to Ripp Switching right-of-way for Georgia aster, which has been reported from near the right-ofway, and for dwarf-flowered heartleaf, which is known from Cherokee County. The central portion of the transmission line was checked for granite flatrocks along a twomile (3.2 km) section near where populations of one-flowered stichwort (*Minuartia uniflora*) and pool sprite (*Amphianthus pusillus*), two listed plant species (Table 2), are known to exist. Several populations of Schweinitz' sunflower have been reported from near the Catawba Switching to Newport Tie right-of-way along SC Highway 274. Here, an intensive inventory for Schweinitz' sunflower was conducted along the right-of-way in early autumn, but no plants of the rare sunflower could be found.

In summary, no federally-listed or state-listed plants or animals or good habitat for such species were found within the rights-of-way of transmission lines related to the relicensing of the Catawba Nuclear Station.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

The Catawba Nuclear Station relicensing project area consists of a 450.5-acre (182.4 ha) Exclusion Area [a circle with a 2500-foot (757.6 m) radius centered at the reactors] and approximately 42.4 miles (68.3 km) of related power transmission line right-of-way. The findings of an inventory for endangered species, wetlands, and natural areas carried out in the summer and fall of 2000 are summarized below:

- 1. Five major plant community/habitat types were found within the Exclusion Area. Most of the Exclusion Area is non-forested, open land and open water; currently, approximately 36% of the Exclusion Area is forested.
- 2. Eleven small wetlands totaling approximately 34 acres (ca. 14 ha) occur within the Exclusion Area. Several significant natural areas, including mixed hardwood ravines and one small mature stand of a dry slope oakchalk maple forest, were found during the course of the biological inventory of the Exclusion Area.
- 3. Intensive surveys of the Exclusion Area and related power transmission line rights-of-way revealed that no state- or federally-listed species or critical habitat for such species occur within the Exclusion Area or within the related rights-of-way.

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Appendix

VASCULAR PLANTS OF THE CATAWBA NUCLEAR STATION AND ASSOCIATED TRANSMISSION LINE RIGHTS-OF-WAY

COMMUNITIES

P-Pine

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PMH—Pine-Mixed Hardwoods MH—Mixed Hardwoods WET—Wetlands ROW/CL—Power Line Rights-of-Way/Cleared Areas *Introduced species

Acer leucoderme (chalk maple) MH Acer negundo (box elder) WMH Acer rubrum (red maple) MH, WET, PMH *Albizzia julibrisin (mimosa) ROW Allium bivalve (false garlic) ROW Alnus serrulata (tag alder) WET Amelanchier arborea (sarvisberry) MH Amorpha fruticosa (lead bush) MH *Analeima keisak (Asiatic dayflower) WET Andropogon virginicus (broomsedge) ROW Antenarria plantaginifolia (pussy-toes) MH Apios americanus (ground nut) WET Aristolochia serpentaria (Virginia snakeroot) MH Aster solidagineus (flat-topped aster) ROW Baccharis halimifolia (salt bush) WET Bidens bipinnatifida (Spanish needles) WET Bignonia capreolata (cross vine) MH, WET Boehmeria cylindrica (false nettle) WET Botrychium virginianum (rattlesnake fern) MH Campsis radicans (trumpet creeper) ROW, WET Carex crinita (fringed sedge) MA Carex flaccosperma (thin-fruited sedge) WET Carex frankii (Frank's sedge) WET Carex lurida (shallow sedge) WET Carex nigromarginata (black-edged sedge) PMH, MH Carex striatula (striatulate sedge) MH Carpinus caroliniana (ironwood) WET, MH Carya glabra (pignut hickory) MH Carya tomentosa (mockernut hickory) PMH, MH Celtis occidentalis (sugarberry) MH Cephalanthus occidentalis (buttonbush) WET Cercis canadensis (redbud) MH

Chimaphila maculata (pipsissewa) PMH, MH Clitoria mariana (butterfly-pea) ROW, PMH Commelina virginiana (Virginia dayflower) WET Cornus florida (dogwood) MH Crataegus sp. (hawthorn) ROW Cynoglossum virginianum (Virginia hound's tongue) MH Cyperus sp. 1 (flat-sedge) ROW Cyperus sp. 2 (flat-sedge) WET Danthonia sp. (oat grass) ROW Daucus carota (Queen Anne's lace) ROW Desmodium nudiflorum (beggar-ticks) MH Desmodium rotundifolium (round-leaved beggar-ticks) MH Desmodium virginianum (Virginia beggar-ticks) PMH, MH, ROW Dioscorea villosa (wild yam) MH Diospyros virginiana (persimmon) MH Duchesnea indica (Indian strawberry) ROW *Eleagnus umbellata (silverberry) MH, PMH Eleocharis baldwinii (Baldwin's spikerush) WET Elephantopus sp. (elephant's foot) ROW Elymus sp. (wild rye grass) ROW, WET Eragrostis sp. (love grass) ROW Erechtites hieracifolia (fireweed) ROW Erianthus sp. (plume grass) ROW Erigeron pulchelllus (daisy fleabane) MH Erigeron sp. (fleabane) ROW Eryngium prostratum (creeping eryngium) WET Euonymus americanus (American euonymus, hearts-a-bursting) MH, PMH Eupatorium album (white thoroughwort) PMH, MH Eupatorium capillifolium (dog fennel) ROW/CL Eupatorium sp. (thoroughwort) ROW Euphorbia corollata (spurge) MH Fagus grandifolia (American beech) MHP *Festuca sp. (fescue) ROW Fraxinus americana (white ash) MH Fraxinus pennsylvanica (green ash) WET Galium circaezans (bedstraw) MH Gelsemium sempervirens (yellow jessamine) ROW Gnaphalium sp. (rabbit tobacco) ROW Helenium sp. (sneezeweed) ROW Helianthus atrorubens (red-stemmed sunflower) ROW Helianthus sp. (sunflower) ROW Heliathus microcephalus (small-headed sunflower) PMH Hepatica americana (American liverleaf) MH Heterotheca subaxillaris (camphorweed) ROW Hexastylis arifolia (common heartleaf) MH Houstonia purpurea (broad-leaved bluet) MH

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Hypercium punctatum (spotted St. Johns-wort) ROW Hypericum hypericoides (St. Johns-wort) MHP, P, ROW Ilex opaca (American holly) MH, PMH Juncus canadensis (Canada needlerush) WET Juncus coriaceous (tough needlerush) WET Juncus effusus (common needlerush) WET, ROW Juncus sp. (needlerush) ROW Juniperus virginiana (eastern red cedar) PMH, MH, ROW Leersia lenticularis (flat-seeded cutgrass) WET *Lespedeza cuneata (sericea) ROW Liatris squarrosa (spreading blazing star) ROW *Ligustrum sinensis (Chinese privet) ROW, WET Liquidambar styraciflua (sweet gum) P, MH, PMH, WET Liriodendron tulipifera (tulip poplar) MH, PMH, WET *Lonicera japonica (Japanese honeysuckle) PMH, P, MH, ROW Lotus sp. (trefoil) ROW Ludwigia alternifolia (alternate-leaved seedbox) ROW Ludwigia glandulosa (glandular seedbox) WET *Ludwigia uraguayensis (Uraguayan seedbox) WET Lycopodium flabelliforme (ground cedar) P *Melia azedarach (Chinaberry) ROW/CL *Melilotus albus (tall white clover) ROW/CL *Microstegium vimineum (Nepalese browntop) ROW Morus rubra (red mulberry) MH Nyssa biflora (swamp tupelo) WET Nyssa sylvatica (black gum) MH Obolaria virginica (pennywort) MH Oenothera sp. (evening primrose) ROW/CL Oxydendrum arboreum (sourwood) MH Panicum boscii (Bosc's panic grass) MH Panicum dichotomum (fall panicum) MHP Parthenocissus quinquefolia (Virginia creeper) PMH Phytolacca americana (pokeweed) ROW Pinus echinata (shortleaf pine) PMH Pinus virginiana (Virginia pine) P Plantago lanceolata (lance-leaved plantain) ROW Platanus occidentalis (sycamore) WET Polystichum acrostichoides (Christmas fern) MHP Prenanthes trifoliata (trifoliate rattlesnake root) PMH, MH Prenathes sp. (gall-of-the-earth) P, PMH *Prunella vulgaris (self-heal) ROW Prunus serotina (black cherry) ROW, P, PMH, MH *Pueraria lobata (kudzu) ROW/CL Quercus alba (white oak) MH Quercus falcata (southern red oak) PMH, MH Quercus marilandica (blackjack oak) PMH

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Quercus nigra (water oak) PMH Quercus phellos (willow oak) WET, MH Quercus rubra (red oak) MH Quercus stellata (post oak) MH, PMH Quercus velutina (black oak) MH Rhus copallina (winged sumac) ROW Rhus glabra (smooth sumac) ROW Rhus radicans (poison ivy) ROW, P, MH, PMH Robinia pseudoacacia (black locust) ROW, PMH Rubus sp. (blackberry) ROW Ruellia carolinensis (Carolina wild petunia) MH Salix nigra (black willow) WET, ROW Sambucus canadensis (elderberry) WET Sanicula sp. (snakeroot) MH Schrankia microphylla (sensitive brier) ROW Scleria triglomerata (nutrush) P, PMH, MH Scutellaria integrifolia (skullcap) MH Scutellaria serrata (serrate-leaved skullcap) ROW, MH Senecio anonymus (Small's ragwort) ROW Silene virginica (fire pink) ROW Silphium angustifolium (narrow-leaved rosinweed) ROW Smilacina racemosa (false Solomon's seal) MH Smilax bona-nox (cat-brier) ROW Smilax rotundifolia (round-leaved greenbrier) P, PMH Smilax sp. (greenbrier) PMH Solidago altissima (tall goldenrod) ROW Solidago odora (licorice goldenrod) ROW, PMH, MH Solidago sp. (goldenrod) ROW Spiranthes grayi (Gray's ladies-tresses) MH Stellaria meadia (chickweed) MH Tiarella cordifolia (foamflower) MH Tipularia discolor (crane-fly orchid) MH Tragia urens (tragia) PMH Ulmus alata (winged elm) MH, PMH Ulmus americana (American elm) WET, MH Ulmus rubra (slippery elm, red elm) MH Uvularia perfoliata (perfoliate bellwort) MH Vaccinium arboreum (sparkleberry) P, MHP, MH Vaccinium stamineum (squawberry) P, PMH, MH Vernonia sp. (ironweed) WET Viburnum prunifolium (black haw) P, PMH, MH *Vinca minor (lesser periwinkle) PMH Viola sp. (violet) MH Vitis aestivalis (summer grape) MH Vitis rotundifolia (muscadine) PMH, WET, MH

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Attachment B

USGS Water Resources Data (as applicable) South Carolina Water Year 1999

02146000 CATAWBA RIVER NEAR ROCK HILL, SC

LOCATION.--Lat 34°59'05'', long 80°58'27'', York County, Hydrologic Unit 03050103, on right bank, at downstream side of bridge on U.S. Highway 21, 3.5 mi downstream from Lake Wylie Dam, 5.0 mi northeast of Rock Hill, 7.5 mi upstream from Sugar Creek, and at mile 137.6.

DRAINAGE AREA. -- 3,050 mi2, approximately.

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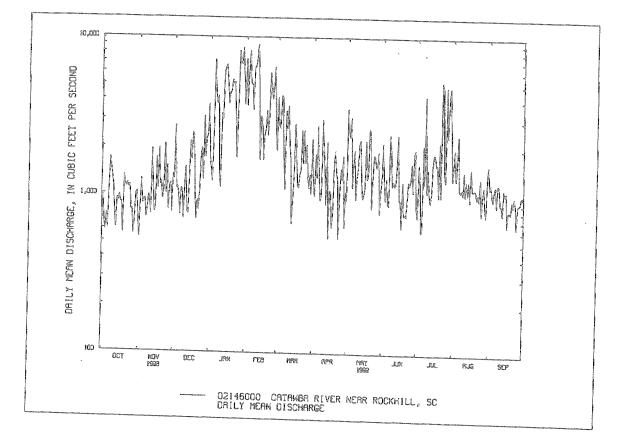
PERIOD OF RECORD. -- October 1895 to September 1902, April 1942 to current year. Monthly discharge only for some periods, published in WSP 1303. REVISED RECORDS.--WSP 1303: 1835-1903, WSP 1333: 1942-43(M), 1953(M). WSP 1623: 1942-51 (yearly runoff).

GAGE.--Data collection platform. Datum of gage is 485.82 ft above sea level. Sept. 23, 1895, to July 31, 1903, nonrecording gage at Southern Railway bridge, 2.0 mi downstream, at different datum. REMARKS. - No estimated daily discharges. Records poor. Flow regulated by Lake Wylie (usable capacity, 2,520,500,000 ft³).

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27	557	1140	3130 1740	6730	1930	1330 1120	1800 635	1910	1860	4080 4880	757	1030
28	660	1190	1740	8560		1370	1070	781	1980	4880	1380	1030
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MEAN	949	1111	1542	8560	9000	4250	3040	3550	2470	5300		646
MAX	1700	2090	3730	1120	1670	665	537	781	636	598	757	.32
MIN	557	534	698		1.49	.69	.44	.56	.42	.67	.40	.36
CFSM	.31	.36	.51	1.44	1.55	.79	.49	.65	.47	.78	.47	
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MAX	10680	12400	14270 1902	10020	1899	6300 19510 1899	1901	1901	1901	1896	1901	974
(WY)	1899	1978	1902	1946	1371	1526	1211	910	1088	933	1010	1999
MIN	721	858	1042	1415	1977	1988	1985	910 1986	1988	1986	1988	1223
(WY)	1955	1955	1956	1956	7211	2300	22.00					
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SUMMARY STATISTICS	02146000 CATAWBA RIVER NEAM FOR 1998 CALENDAR YEAR	R ROCK HILL, SCContinued FOR 1999 WATER YEAR	WATER YEARS 1896 - 1999
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* Site and datum then in use.



02148000 WATEREE RIVER NEAR CAMDEN, SC

LOCATION.--Lat 34°14'40'', long 80°39'15'', Kershaw County, Hydrologic Unit 03050104, in pier of downstream bridge on U.S. Highway 1, 1,500 ft downstream from Five and Twenty Creek, 4,000 ft upstream from Seaboard Coast Line Railroad bridge, 2.2 mi west of Camden, 7.4 mi downstream from Wateree Dam, and at mile 68.8.

DRAINAGE AREA. -- 5,070 mi², approximately.

WATER-DISCHARGE RECORDS

- PERIOD OF RECORD.--January to December 1903 (gage heights only), October 1904 to September 1910, October 1929 to current year. Monthly discharge only for some periods, published in WSP 1303. Gage-height records collected at site 1.5 mi downstream 1891-1934, at site 830 ft upstream January 1935 to September 1942, and at present site since October 1942, are contained in reports of National Weather Service.
- REVISED RECORDS.--WSP 802: 1930. WSP 952: Drainage area. WSP 1082: 1934(M). WSP 1633: 1905-10. WSP 1623: 1930-51 (monthly and yearly runoff).
- GAGE.--Data collection platform. Datum of gage is 118.36 ft above sea level. January 1903 to September 1910, nonrecording gage at site 1.5 mi downstream at datum 117.71 ft above mean sea level. October 1, 1929 to September 1, 1942, recording gage at site 830 ft upstream at datum 119.36 ft above sea level. October 1942 to September 30, 1997, recording gage at present site at datum 119.36 ft above sea level.
- REWARKS.--No estimated daily discharges. Records good. Flow regulated by powerplants at Wateree Reservoir (usable capacity, 2,794,000,000 ft³).

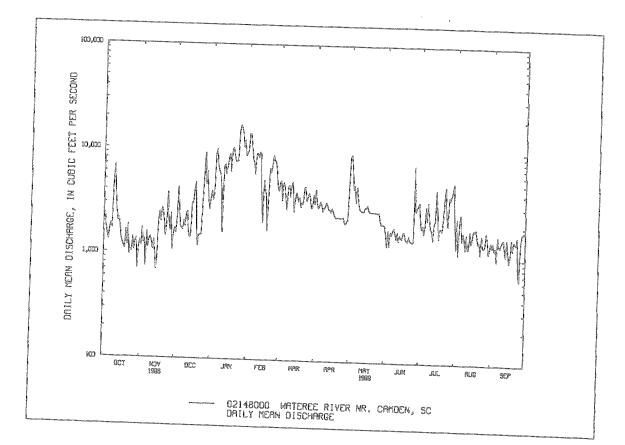
EXTREMES FOR OUTSIDE PERIOD OF RECORD. - The flood of July 18, 1916 reached a stage of 40.4 ft, datum 117.71 ft above mean sea level, at site 1.5 mi downstream, from records of National Weather Service, discharge, 400,000 ft³/s, from rating curve extended above 122,000 ft³/s, as explained in footnote below.

DISCHARGE, CUBIC FEET PER SECOND, WATER YEAR OCTOBER 1998 TO SEPTEMBER 1999 DAILY MEAN VALUES

DAY	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP
1	2330	1170	1550	3970	9750	4910	4280	8770	1660	2280	1250	1300
2	1730	1730	2040	3240	14200	5120	3200	9310	1270	1890	2410	1460
4	1480	1230	4280	3720	14000	3290	2840	6860	1820	2050	1090	1230
3					10600	4950	2980	4360	1280	1700	2210	1320
4	1310	1360	2780	8840				4770	1760	1970	2640	971
5	1680	741	1780	9980	8070	4570	3320	4770	1100	1910	2640	971
6	1880	1590	1740	6830	7580	3370	3050	3280	1630	3090	1490	1660
7	1670	1120	1660	6120	5830	2700	2650	4660	1820	2270	1780	1370
8	4640	1360	2060	5730	9060	4510	2900	3640	1910	3410	1570	1310
9	6790	1430	1790	4120	9240	4660	2920	2870	1710	2330	1230	1440
10	3640	1270	2360	1600	8300	3580	3240	2780	1510	1870	1720	1530
11	2490	1080	2520	6730	9520	4800	3100	2720	1750	1860	1240	1570
12	1970	1340	1590	7140	9130	4980	2770	2700	1440	1480	1280	1290
13	2120	1010	1420	5750	3800	2590	2770	2700	1650	2120	1850	1090
14	1740	698	1480	6750	2020	3280	2610	2970	1540	2280	1410	1580
						3280	2810	2930	1520	4430	1600	1220
15	1340	877	3060	8250	5130	3970	2070	2350	1920	4420	1000	1660
16	1230	2010	2980	9020	4240	3640	2680	3110	1750	2860	1890	950
17	1140	2480	4040	6050	3590	3240	2480	2790	1750	1540	1830	1090
18	1080	1990	4760	9900	1690	3580	2340	2680	1520	1940	1930	1580
19	1650	2670	1730	10300	3570	2870	2320	2670	1460	1930	1650	1240
20	1170	2520	1190	8620	6700	3220	2350	2660	1440	1810	1420	1520
20	7710	2320	7720	0020	0700	2420		2000	1440	1010	1440	1320
21	1650	1970	1520	7620	6050	3110	2330	2670	1620	2430	1480	1460
22	955	1460	1500	7720	7090	4460	2330	2660	1460	3730	1120	1410
23	1060	1850	1520	7660	8850	4530	2310	2660	1440	4770	1690	1660
24	1020	3790	2840	14700	7900	3300	2330	2630	1410	2490	1310	738
25	1410	2020	5240	16900	7760	3560	2360	2610	1430	2020	1290	640
	2224											
26	1050	1630	9140	16100	6420	3960	2090	2670	7420	3820	1350	1440
27	1290	2400	4580	14200	4520	3640	2040	2260	2750	3580	1800	1770
28	1370	1080	6100	10400	4070	2850	2180	2050	3000	3970	1590	1800
29	704	1510	3320	12300		2890	2230	2050	3130	4330	1140	1870
30	1130	1750	2630	8630		3800	4520	2030	3390	5190	1250	1750
31	1330		3320	9050		3080		2020		2260	1480	
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TOTAL	56249	49136	88520	257940	198680	117010	82390	105540	59240	83700	48990	41259
MEAN	1814	1638	2855	8321	7096	3775	2746	3405	1975	2700	1580	1375
MAX	6790	3790	9140	16900	14200	5120	4520	9310	7420	5190	2640	1870
MIN	704	698	1190	1600	1690	2590	2040	2020	1270	1480	1090	640
CFSM	.36	.32	.56	1.64	1.40	.74	.54	.67	.39	.53	.31	.27
IN.	.41	.36	.65	1.89	1.46	.86	.60	.77	.43	.61	.36	.30
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MEAN	4878	4979	5872	8699	9239	9649	8280	5592	4759	4236	4508	4114
MAX	19080	15370	14000	18530	23270	21700	28750	13200	12380	14980	12720	20430
(WY)	1965	1978	1984	1937	1960	1952	1936	1958	1973	1941	1967	1945
MIN	1095	992	1647	1803	2484	2941	1701	1022	997	656	1460	1033
(WY)	1955	1932	1956	1942	1977	1988	1986	1986	1988	1956	1954	1954
1 46 7 1	1200	2239	12.30	7345	2211	1300	7300	2000	2300	000	a 2 2 U	3° G. Y. J.

SUMMARY STATISTICS	02148000 WATEREE RIVER NE FOR 1998 CALENDAR YEAR	AR CAMDEN, SCContinued FOR 1999 WATER YEAR	WATTER YPARC 1030
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the second a second second	1380	1260	1100

Site and datum then in use, from records of National Weather Service, from rating curve extended above 122,000 ft³/s, on basis of computations, by Duke Energy Corporation, of peak flow of 362,000 ft³/s over dam at Rocky
 ** Also occurred Jan. 26.



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Attachment C

NPDES Permit (Applicable Pages) Catawba Nuclear Station Issued April 30, 2001



South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit

for Discharge to Surface Waters

This Permit Certifies That

Duke Energy Corporation Catawba Nuclear Plant

has been granted permission to discharge from a facility located at

Newport, South Carolina York County

to receiving waters named

Lake Wylie

in accordance with effluent limitations, monitoring requirements and other conditions set forth in Parts I, II, and III hereof. This permit is issued in accordance with the provisions of the Pollution Control Act of South Carolina (S.C. Code Sections 48-1-10 *et seq.*, 1976), Regulation 61-9 and with the provisions of the Federal Clean Water Act (PL 92-500), as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251 *et seq.*, the "Act."

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= 29.5 C (85.1°F)	long term average value	(Summer)	194 complex
$= 35.1 \text{ C} (95.18^{\circ} \text{F})$	maximum 30 day value	(Summer)	104 Samples
$= 35.1 \text{ C} (95.18^{\circ}\text{F})$	maximum daily value		
Previous Permit 5 69	$C(10.0^{\circ}E)$ (A = C =)	(Summer)	

 Previous Permit: 5.6°C(10.0°F) (Apr-Sep) temperature rise above ambient; 7.8°C(14.0°F) (Oct-Mar) temperature rise above ambient

- Water Classifications and Standards (Reg. 61-69): The receiving water temperature may not be increased by more than 5°F(2.8°C) above natural conditions or exceed a maximum of 90°F(32.2°C) unless a mixing zone has been established or a Section 316(a) determination under the Federal Clean Water Act has been completed.
- 4. Conclusion: On September 15, 1988, a Section 316(a) report was submitted in support of a 316(a) thermal variance request. Subsequently, correspondence dated July 1, 1992, from the permittee to SCDHEC proposed a delta T of 10°F from April through August, and a delta T of 14°F from September through March. After a review of this request, our Office agreed with the following limits: <u>Monthly Average</u>

Temperature Rise above ambient (April - September) Temperature Rise above ambient (October - March)

5.6°C(10.0°F) 7.8°C(14.0°F)

Required monitoring shall be continuous by recorder, as in the previous permit.

C. pH Limitations

- 1. Form 2C Value: (3-21-00) 52 samples
- = 7.0 s.u. minimum, 8.3 s.u. maximum maximum daily value
- 2. Previous Permit: 6.0 s.u. minimum, 9.0 s.u. maximum
- Water Classifications and Standards (Reg.61-68): The pH of the receiving waters shall be maintained between 6.0 standard units and 8.5 standard units.
- 4. Conclusion: Due to the <u>Water Classifications and Standards</u> (Reg.61-68), the permit shall monitor and report pH once per week by grab sample.
- D. Total Residual Chlorine (TRC)
 - 1. Form 2C Value: (3-21-00) 50 samples
 - = 0 mg/l long term average value
 - = 0 mg/l maximum 30 day value
 - = 0 mg/l maximum daily value
 - 2. Previous Permit: Monthly Average 0.011 mg/l; Daily Maximum 0.019 mg/l
 - 3. Effluent Guidelines: (0.2 mg/l)(73.6 MGD)/(82.14 MGD) = 0.18 mg/l
 - 4. Wasteload Allocation: Monthly Average 0.011 mg/l; Daily Maximum 0.019 mg/l
 - 5. Water Quality Criteria Allowable Effluent Concentration: Aquatic Life Criteria from Reg.61-68 (50 FR 30784, July 29, 1985): Monthly Average = 0.011 mg/l X DF₁ = 0.011 mg/l Daily Maximum = 0.019 mg/l X DF₁ = 0.019 mg/l
 - 6. Detection Limit: 0.05 mg/l
 - 7. Conclusion: Since chlorine and sodium bromide are used in the cooling tower discharge, Total Residual Chlorine shall be limited to a monthly average of 0.011 mg/l and a daily maximum of 0.019 mg/l, which is based on the <u>Water Classifications and Standards</u> (Reg. 61-68) and effluent guidelines values for Total Residual Chlorine at a frequency of once per week.

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VII. Previous Biological Studies

1.316(a)

Studies of the thermal effects of the discharge were provided in support of the 316(a) variance request. Additionally, the Permittee has also conducted dye studies to determine the dispersion characteristics of Outfall 001 and its dilution with the receiving water.

2.316(b)

In a March 17, 1987 letter, Duke Power Company provided information concerning the intake structures found in Lake Wylie and the Station's Standby Nuclear Service Water Pond. In a March 23, 1987 memorandum, it was determined that provided the screens are kept clean, the intake should not pose a significant threat to the biological integrity of Lake Wylie or the Standby Nuclear Service Water Pond because of low water velocities. As a result, a 316(b) study was not required to be performed.

VIII. Groundwater Monitoring

The Permittee shall monitor and report each of the four (4) groundwater monitoring wells semiannually for the following parameters:

Water Level, tenth/feet Total Dissolved Solids Total Organic Carbon pH (field), standard units Specific Conductance (field), umhos/cm Ammonia, (NH₃) mg/l Nitrate, (NO₃) Sulfate, mg/l Arsenic, total, mg/l Barium, total, mg/l

Cadmium, total, mg/l Chromium, total, mg/l Copper, total, mg/l Iron, total, mg/l Lead, total, mg/l Manganese, total, mg/l Mercury, total, mg/l Selenium, total, mg/l Silver, total, mg/l Zinc, total, mg/l

IX. <u>Co-Treatment</u>

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Commingling and co-treatment of discharges were taken into account at Outfall 001 which combines cooling tower blowdown, once-through cooling water, liquid radiological wastes, and metal cleaning wastes. Commingling and co-treatment of discharges were taken into account at Outfall 002 which combines low volume wastewater, miscellaneous dilution water, and metal cleaning wastes. Where various wastes are combined for treatment and discharge, 40 CFR 423.15(n) requires that the quantity of each pollutant or pollutant property not exceed the specified limitation for that waste source. Applicable guideline concentrations were flow weighted in calculating final effluent concentrations.

X. <u>Toxicity Testing</u>

Since the chemical specific approach does not address all specific chemicals and their interactions with other components in the waste stream, a more comprehensive testing requirement is needed. To ensure that Water Quality Standards are not violated, whole effluent toxicity testing is being required at Outfalls 001 and 002. Testing will not be required for internal Outfalls or for the sanitary discharge Outfall 003.

Attachment D

Letter from Mary Santini, Duke Energy to Dr. John F. Brown, SC Dept. of Health and Environmental Control requesting information on assessment of public health impacts from thermophilic organisms from Catawba operation dated June 7, 2000



Duke Power Group Environment, Health & Safety 13339 Hagers Ferry Road (MG03A3) Huntersville, NC 28078-7929

June 7, 2000

Dr. John F. Brown State Toxicologist Health Hazard Evaluation SC Department of Health and Environmental Control Box 101106 Columbia, SC 29211

Subject: Duke Power Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2 Environmental Report – Operating License Renewal Thermophylic Organisms

Dear Dr. Brown:

Duke Power Company is preparing an application to the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission (USNRC) to renew the operating licenses for Catawba Nuclear Station (CNS). CNS is a two-unit, nuclear fission steam electric generation station, located on Lake Wylie in York County, approximately 8 miles west north west of Fort Mill, SC. Catawba is owned by Duke Power Company, North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation, North Carolina Municipal Power Agency Number 1, Piedmont Municipal Power Agency, and the Saluda River Electric Cooperative, Inc. but totally operated by Duke Power Company.

Catawba Unit 1 was issued a full power license on January 17, 1985, and Unit 2 was issued a full power license on May 15, 1985. The current NRC licenses expire on December 6, 2024 (Unit 1) and on February 24, 2026 (Unit 2). The extended licenses would be for a 20 year period (approximately) beyond the current license expiration dates, with the actual expiration date dependent on the date of issuance for the extended licenses.

The USNRC requires that an applicant assess certain site-specific environmental issues related to the continued operation of the plant during the term of the extended license. Among the issues to be evaluated is the impact of thermophylic organisms on public health. Specifically, 10 CFR 51.53(c)(3)(ii)(G) requires that:

If the applicant's plant uses a cooling pond, lake, or canal or discharges into a river having an annual average flow rate of less than 3.15×10^{12} ft³/ year (9x10¹⁰m³/year), an assessment of the impact of the proposed action on public health from thermophilic organisms in the affected water must be provided.

As part of this evaluation the NRC suggests that the applicant consult with the state agency responsible for environmental health as to whether there is a concern about the potential existence and concentration of *Naegleria fowleri* in the receiving waters for the plant cooling water discharge.

To facilitate your review of this issue, I have included copies of portions of <u>NUREG-1437 Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants</u> (GEIS). The GEIS was prepared by the NRC to evaluate the impact of environmental issues related to license renewal of nuclear plants and to determine which environmental issues can be evaluated generically and which issues require plant specific evaluation. The Executive Summary and Chapter 1 provide a description of the evaluation process used in the GEIS. GEIS Section 4.3.6 contains an evaluation of the impact of microorganisms on human health. Appendix D to the GEIS provides background information used in the GEIS evaluation. Copies of these sections are included as Attachment 1.

Duke Power requests that you review the attached information and respond with your comments on any public health concerns you may have regarding the potential presence of *N. fowleri* and other thermophylic organisms in Catawba's thermal discharge plume.

Please feel free to contact me at 704-875-5346 or <u>mmsantini@duke-energy.com</u> if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Thank you for your timely assistance.

Sincerely,

Mary M. Santini

Mary M. Santini Microbiologist Group Environment, Health & Safety

Attachments

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