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NRC STAFF TERMINATES OLD VIC, INC., LICENSE
FOR CLEVELAND FACILITY

The NRC staff has terminated the license held by the Old Vic, Inc. Company for a facility in Cleveland after verifying that the company has met NRC decommissioning requirements for that site.

The facility on Woodland Avenue was owned by Victoreen Incorporated which used radioactive materials, authorized by a NRC license, for research, instrument calibration and manufacturing of electronic components from 1965 until 1987.

Victoreen began decommissioning of the facility in October 1988 and performed a final radiological survey in August 1989, concluding that residual radioactive material contamination was less than the NRC's criteria for unrestricted use.

In May 1990, a confirmatory survey was conducted for the NRC by Oak Ridge (Tennessee) Associated Universities which identified multiple locations with residual radioactive material contamination in excess of the NRC's requirements for unrestricted use. Additional remediation was required at the facility.

To clarify ownership of the facility and the responsibility for decommissioning it, the NRC staff, in March 1992, issued a license to Old Vic, Inc., and terminated Victoreen's license. Old Vic began characterization of the remaining contamination at the facility in July 1992 and completed remediation activities in January 1993.

Subsequent staff reviews of the licensees's remedial actions and termination surveys and the results of confirmatory surveys have led the staff to conclude that decommissioning activities are complete and the site is suitable to be released for unrestricted use.

The Old Vic site was included in the NRC Site Decommissioning Management Plan which identifies about 50 sites throughout the United States that are contaminated with radioactive materials and warrant special attention by the NRC. The Old Vic site is the third to be sufficiently remediated to be removed from the list.

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