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Operator Licensing Branch  
Division of Reactor Controls and Human Factors  
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Reference: Oregon State University TRIGA Reactor (OSTR)  
Docket No. 50-243, License No. R-106  
Senior Reactor Operator's License No. SOP-50284; Docket No. 55-8038

Subject: Termination of Senior Reactor Operator's License for Mr. Jack F. Higginbotham

Gentlemen:

I am writing to request that you terminate the Senior Reactor License of Mr. Jack F. Higginbotham (No. SOP-50284) effective June 23, 2000. Mr. Higginbotham has seen a significant increase in responsibility after fulfilling two roles as the Associate Dean of the Graduate School and Professor of Nuclear Engineering at Oregon State University in 1998. His renewal date is June 23, 2000. It is our understanding that when a license has been inactive for two years, license renewal is not encouraged. We have decided not to renew his license, as it has been inactive for almost two years now. However, Mr. Higginbotham has expressed interest in re-obtaining a Senior Reactor Operator license in the future, perhaps a year from now. He continues to be a very active and involved member of our facility as the chairman of our Reactor Operations Committee.

Should there be any questions about this matter, I would be pleased to provide whatever additional information you need. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Sincerely,

Stephen E. Binney  
Director

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