

Office of the Vice Provost for Research

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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
ATTN: Document Control Desk
Washington, DC 20555

Subject: Facility License R-80; Docket 50-157: Request for License Amendment to
Withdraw Authorization to Operate Cornell University's TRIGA Reactor

Dear Sir:

It is the determination of the Board of Trustees of Cornell University to close the Ward Center for Nuclear Sciences TRIGA reactor and terminate operation of the facility located on Cornell's campus in Ithaca, NY. The reactor will discontinue operation on June 30, 2002. Accordingly, I request that Facility License R-80 be amended so as to withdraw U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) authorization to operate the subject reactor after June 30, 2002.

Appropriate changes to Technical Specifications will be submitted prior to April 1, 2002.

Cornell University appreciates your assistance in considering this request and is hopeful of an expeditious approval. Questions regarding Cornell's license or for additional information may be directed to Mr. Howard C. Aderhold, Special Consultant to the Office of the Vice Provost for Research for Ward Center D&D. Mr. Aderhold is a former director of the Ward Center for Nuclear Sciences and is cognizant of matters pertaining to the licensing of the facility. He may be contacted at:

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Sincerely,



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Vice Provost for Research

Subscribed and signed before me on this 30th day of July 2001 at Ithaca, NY, USA



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