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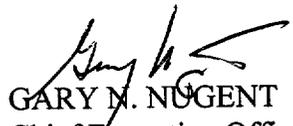
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
ATTN: Document Control Desk
Washington, D.C. 20555

Gentlemen:

This letter is to notify the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission that the VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System, Omaha, Nebraska has decided to permanently shut down and decommission the A. J. Blotcky Nuclear Reactor Facility. The plans to remove the fuel elements and the decommissioning program are being developed in coordination with the national VA Research Office who will be providing the resources required for this decommissioning effort. Additional information will be available and forwarded to your office as specific plans are finalized. Attached is the communication plan that will be used to coordinate these efforts.

Sincerely,

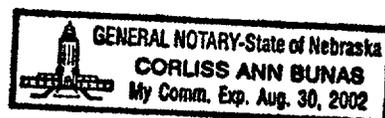

GARY N. NUGENT
Chief Executive Officer

Enclosure

cc: Alexander Adams, Jr.

After being duly sworn, the person known to be Gary N. Nugent, Chief Executive Officer of the VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System, Omaha, Nebraska signed the above document this 17th day of DECEMBER 2001.

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**Communication Plan
Department of Veterans Affairs
For
Fuel Removal and Decommissioning of
The A. J. Blotcky Nuclear Reactor Facility**

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