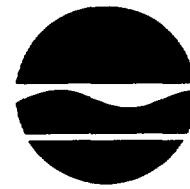


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Dear Mr. Way:

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Re: St. Albans Extended Care Center, License Number 31-02892-06

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) has reviewed the Final Remedial Action Report for Decontamination and Decommissioning - St. Albans Veterans Administration Extended Care Facility, and the draft copies of the Environmental Assessment (EA) and Federal Register Notice for the termination of the St. Albans license. The NYSDEC agrees with the conclusions of the EA, and has no objection to termination of the radioactive materials license.

As requested by Duncan White, we contact Kathy Howe of the NYS Office of Parks and Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP). She stated that OPRHP had reviewed the decommissioning project previously and submitted its conclusion to the NRC in an August 4, 2000 letter. She has no further comments.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Barbara Youngberg
Chief, Radiation Section

cc: D. White, NRC
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