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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Subject: Request for Approval of the Decommissioning Plan for the Ward Center for Nuclear Studies at Cornell University and Issuance of a Decommissioning Order (TRIGA Reactor Docket No. 50-157, License R-80 and ZPR Docket No. 50-97, License R-89).

Attention: Mr. Daniel E. Hughes, Project Manager
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New, Research and Test Reactors Program
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
M.S. O-12-G-13

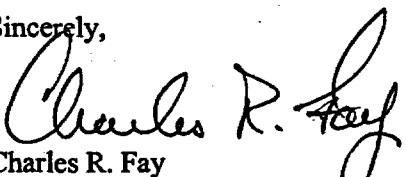
Dear Mr. Hughes:

Cornell University respectfully requests the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to review and approve the enclosed Decommissioning Plan for the TRIGA Reactor and the Zero Power Reactor, both located within the Ward Center for Nuclear Studies (WCNS), and thereupon issue a corresponding Decommissioning Order for both facilities.

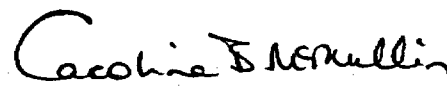
Currently, the WCNS facilities are shutdown in a secure environment and in full compliance with the Technical Specifications. The ZPR was de-fueled in April 2000. Cornell's request for a possession only license amendment for the TRIGA reactor is pending NRC approval. We are anxious to begin formal decommissioning activities and urge the NRC to expedite its review and approval process.

Please contact me if you have any questions about this request. I can be reached by email at crfl@cornell.edu and by telephone at (607) 255-2946.

Sincerely,


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