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Re: 2003 Annual Operating Report for the Alan J. Blotcky Reactor Facility,
License R-57, Docket #50-131

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This annual operating report is being submitted in compliance with technical specification 6.7.1, "Annual Operating Report".

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Summary of Reactor Operating Experience during 2003.

- The reactor remained shutdown with no fuel onsite throughout 2003. (The reactor was permanently shutdown on 11/5/2001. All fuel was transferred to the USGS TRIGA facility during June of 2002. The fission chambers used in the reactor's nuclear instrumentation system were transferred to USGS during December, 2002.)
- On 7/24/2003 the reactor's Am-Be neutron sources were removed from the reactor facility and transferred to the Department of Energy's Off-Site Source Recovery Program.

Unscheduled Shutdowns

The reactor was maintained in a scheduled secured shutdown condition throughout 2002.

Major preventative and corrective maintenance

No major safety related maintenance was performed during 2002.

Changes, Tests and Experiments

There were no changes, tests or experiments conducted during 2003.

Radioactive Effluents

No radioactive effluents associated with the AJBRF were released or discharged beyond the effective control of the Medical Center.

Environmental Surveys

No additional environmental surveys were conducted during 2003.

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Radiation Exposures

There were no radiation exposures received by AJBRF personnel or visitors exceeding 25% of allowable limits.



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