

August 31, 2004

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DECOMMISSIONING AMENDMENT AND SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS
(TAC NO. MC3707)

Dear Dr. Francis:

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Sincerely,

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Docket No. 50-02

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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
NOTICE AND SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS
PURSUANT TO 10 CFR 20.1405 AND 10 CFR 50.82(b)(5) CONCERNING
PROPOSED ACTION TO DECOMMISSION
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
FORD NUCLEAR REACTOR (FNR)
DOCKET NO. 50-02

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has received an application from the University of Michigan dated June 23, 2004, for a license amendment approving its proposed decommissioning plan for the FNR (Facility License No. R-28) located in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

In accordance with 10 CFR 20.1405, the Commission is providing notice and soliciting comments from local and State governments in the vicinity of the site and any Indian Nation or other indigenous people that have treaty or statutory rights that could be affected by the decommissioning. This notice and solicitation of comments is published pursuant to 10 CFR 20.1405, which provides for publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER and in a forum, such as local newspapers, letters to State or local organizations, or other appropriate forum, that is readily accessible to individuals in the vicinity of the site.

Comments should be provided within 30 days of the date of this notice to Patrick M. Madden, Chief, Research and Test Reactors Section, New, Research and Test Reactors Program, Division of Regulatory Improvement Programs, Mail Stop O12-G13, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555.

Further, in accordance with 10 CFR 50.82(b)(5), notice is also provided to interested persons of the Commission's intent to approve the plan by amendment, subject to such conditions and limitations as it deems appropriate and necessary, if the plan demonstrates that decommissioning will be performed in accordance with the regulations in this chapter and will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public.

A copy of the application is available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records component of the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC web site at (the Public Electronic Reading Room) <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 31st day of August, 2004.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

/RA/

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