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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
Research and Test Reactors Section
New, Research and Test Reactors Program
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
M.S. O-12-G-13

Dear Mr. Hughes:

The purpose of this letter to clarify the oath or affirmation of the following document and its enclosures first transmitted to you on August 22, 2003:

Request for Approval of the Decommissioning Plan for the Ward Center for Nuclear Studies at Cornell University and Issuance of a Decommissioning Order,
Accession Number ML032400186 dated 8/22/03

Decommissioning Plan for Ward Center for Nuclear Studies at Cornell University Rev. 1,
Accession Number ML032400421 dated 7/31/03

Decommissioning Cost Estimate for Ward Center for Nuclear Studies at Cornell University, Rev. 1,
Accession Number ML032400205 dated 7/31/03

Environmental Report for Decommissioning Ward Center for Nuclear Studies at Cornell University,
Rev. 0, Accession Number ML032400427 dated 3/31/03

By my signature below, I hereby affirm that I am authorized to represent Cornell University in these matters and that the foregoing is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Sincerely,

Charles R. Fay
Vice Provost for Research Administration
TRIGA D&D Project Director

cc: Howard Aderhold, Director, Ward Lab of Nuclear Sciences
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