**Research Reactor Facility** 



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Dear Mr. Partlow:

We were pleased to hear that you cancelled the planned performance appraisal of the University of Missouri Research Reactor Facility. I appreciate our open, frank discussions of the cost vs benefit of such a program.

Our objective continues to be safe efficient operation of the reactor so that we can accomplish our mission which is to establish, maintain and operate a world class facility for research utilizing neutrons, gammarays, and neutrinos; to conduct an internal research program; to encourage use of MURR for multidisciplinary research and training, both internal and external to the University; and to provide cooperative services for government laboratories and industry.

I have attached a copy of our annual report for last year. You can review a summary by looking at just the orange colored pages.

While it is absolutely essential that the reactor be operated safely, it is also essential that it be operated productively. I believe the cancellation of the inspection will add to productivity with no sacrifice of safety.

Sincerely,

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