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Dr. Seymour H. Weiss Head, Special Projects and Decommissioning United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission Mail Stop 0-11B20 Washington, DC 20555

Dear Dr. Weiss,

The Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute (AFRRI) operates a research reactor under USNRC license number R-84. The Department of Defense has directed that AFRRI be closed and begin the nuclear reactor shutdown in FY 1997.

The reactor staff is currently preparing the necessary briefing papers to demonstrate the time and funding necessary to accomplish reactor decommissioning. AFRRI will notify the NRC and submit the necessary requests and plans for approval in accordance with Federal Regulations and NRC guidelines. Until commencement of the decommissioning, AFRRI will continue to meet all requirements to maintain its license in a fully operational status.

Point of contact on this issue will be Captain Chuck Galley or Mr. Mark Moore at (301) 295-1290.

Sincerely yours,

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