

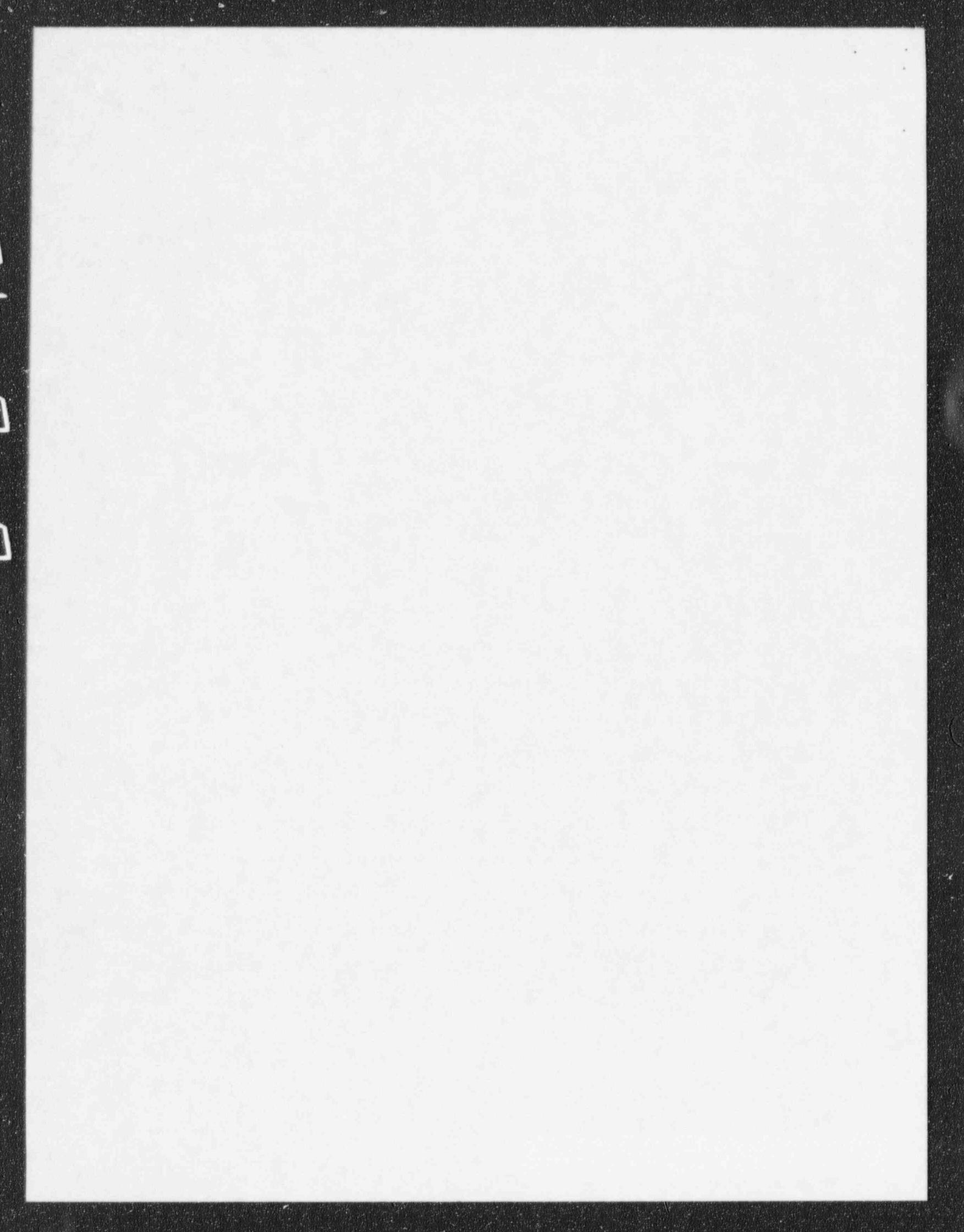
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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| In the matter of |) | |
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| CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA |) | Docket No. 50-77 |
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| (Catholic University of America |) | |
| AGN-201 Research Reactor) |) | |

ORDER TERMINATING FACILITY LICENSE

By application dated February 6, 1992, the Catholic University of America (the licensee) requested from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) authorization to dispose of the component parts of its Aerojet-General Nucleonics (AGN-201) Nuclear Research Reactor located in Washington, District of Columbia. A "Notice of Proposed Issuance of Orders Approving Decommissioning Plan, Authorizing Decommissioning, and Terminating Facility License" was published in the FEDERAL REGISTER on August 20, 1992, (57 FR 37850). No request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene was filed following notice of the proposed action.

By Order dated September 24, 1992, (57 FR 45094), the Commission authorized dismantling of the facility and disposition of component parts as proposed in the decommissioning plan of the licensee. On June 2, 1995, the licensee requested approval for changes to the decommissioning plan. These changes were approved on July 17, 1995. By letter dated December 20, 1994, as supplemented on September 22, 1995, the licensee submitted the radiological survey report for the facility in accordance with the NRC approved decommissioning plan as amended.



This order applies to room B-16R of Pangborn Hall (also known as the nuclear reactor room) and the machine shop in the power plant building at the Catholic University of America campus in Washington, D.C. The reactor fuel has been removed from the core and shipped to a Department of Energy (DOE) facility. The reactor facility has been completely dismantled and all requirements pertaining to residual radioactivity, personnel and external radiation exposure, and fuel disposition have been met. Confirmatory radiological surveys verified that the facility met the NRC approved decommissioning plan requirements for release of the facility for unrestricted use.

Accordingly, the Commission has found that the facility has been dismantled and decontaminated pursuant to the Commission's Order dated September 24, 1992, as supplemented on July 17, 1995. Satisfactory disposition has been made of the component parts and fuel in accordance with the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR Chapter I, and in a manner not inimical to the common defense and security, or to the health and safety of the public. Therefore, based on the application filed by the licensee, and pursuant to Sections 104 and 161 b, i, of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and in 10 CFR 50.82(f), Facility License No. R-31 is terminated as of the date of this Order.


In accordance with 10 CFR Part 51, the Commission has determined that the issuance of this termination Order will have no significant impact. The Environmental Assessment was published in the FEDERAL REGISTER on March 12, 1996 (61 FR 10037).

For further details with respect to this action see (1) the application for termination of Facility License No. R-31, dated February 6, 1992, as supplemented, (2) the Commission's Safety Evaluation related to the termination of the license, (3) the Environmental Assessment, and (4) the "Notice of Proposed Issuance of Orders Approving Decommissioning Plan, Authorizing Decommissioning, and Terminating Facility License," published in the FEDERAL REGISTER on August 20, 1992, (57 FR 37850). Each of these items is available for public inspection at the Commission Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW, Washington, DC, 20555.

Copies of items (2), (3) and (4) may be obtained upon addressed request to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, Attention: Director, Division of Reactor Program Management.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 14th day of March 1996.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION


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