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SUBJECT: ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT NO. 6 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. R-117 UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN LOPRA REACTOR (TAC

NO. M91719)

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Copies of the Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact, which has been published in the Federal Register, and the Safety Evaluation supporting Amendment No. 6, are also enclosed.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY Alexander Adams, Jr., Senior Project Manager Non-Power Reactors and Decommissioning Project Directorate Division of Reactor Program Management Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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