

April 5, 2022

ATTN: Document Control Desk  
Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Rockville, MD 20555-0001

RE: CURATORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI  
NOTICE OF WITHDRAWING PICKARD HALL DECOMMISSIONING PLAN  
LICENSE NO. 24-00513-32 (MAIL CONTROL NUMBER 596692)

- References:
- 1) Pickard Hall Decommissioning Plan, Rev. 0, November 8, 2019
  - 2) Pickard Hall Decommissioning Plan, Rev. 1, February 8, 2021
  - 3) Request for Additional Information, August 16, 2021
  - 4) First Response to Requests for Additional Information, October 5, 2021
  - 5) Second Response to Requests for Additional Information, October 8, 2021
  - 6) Third Response to Requests for Additional Information, October 15, 2021
  - 7) Fourth Response to Requests for Additional Information, April 4, 2022

The Curators of the University of Missouri (MU) submitted a proposed Decommissioning Plan for Pickard Hall on November 8, 2019, and a revised Decommissioning Plan on February 8, 2021 (References 1 and 2). The NRC issued requests for additional information (RAIs) regarding the revised Decommissioning Plan on August 16, 2021 (Reference 3). MU responded to all RAIs (References 4, 5, 6, and 7), except for: (i) those that required additional soil sampling and testing in a feeder and steam tunnel adjacent to Pickard Hall<sup>1</sup> and (ii) those that required input from a demolition contractor who MU would not seek to engage until after the NRC approves the Decommissioning Plan.

On March 15, 2022, the NRC held a conference call with MU to discuss the status of the NRC's review of MU's revised Decommissioning Plan and RAI responses. During that call, the NRC informed MU that due to project management issues and the complex technical issues associated with the proposed decommissioning of Pickard Hall, the NRC recommended closing this licensing action, without prejudice to MU, to provide additional time for the NRC and MU to address technical and regulatory items. MU could then re-engage the NRC in pre-application meetings and, when appropriate, resubmit its Decommissioning Plan to the NRC for review and approval.

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<sup>1</sup> The NRC conducted an inspection during the field work portion of this sampling activity and identified no adverse inspection findings. NRC Inspection Report 0302278/2022-001 (Feb. 1, 2022). Because MU is withdrawing the Decommissioning Plan, submissions on this sampling activity will not be completed at this time.

MU agrees with the NRC's recommendations, and hereby withdraws the Pickard Hall Decommissioning Plan from NRC consideration.

Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,



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