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Dear Sir,

I have terminated my Senior Reactor Operating license for the RPI Reactor Critical Facility (RCF) as of 31 December 1999 (D. R. Harris to T. S. Michaels, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 15 November 1999). Herewith I resign as Director of the RCF as of 31 December 1999. Also I wish to resign from the RPI Nuclear Safety Review Board and to terminate my work in decommissioning the RCF as of 31 December 1999. Decommissioning, which still appears to be do-able under \$50,000, has been carried as far as feasible until DOE determines removal of the fuel. Please inform the DOE (A. J. Vinolla 208-526-3667) and the NMSSS system (via George Xu) that I will no longer be in charge of the RCF fuel.

The RCF is fully operational as is required by the NRC under License CX-22. The RCF is well staffed by Timothy Trumbull, RCF Supervisor, Edward Muzzey, RCF Engineer, and Duncan Hatfield, Student Assistant. A new RCF Director, who need not have an SRO license, can be appointed by you.

I have greatly enjoyed my duties as Director of such an interesting experimental and learning facility over the last 23 years. It has been a privilege to have worked with so many fine RPI, NRC, and DOE people over that time.

Sincerely, *D. R. Harris*

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