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Further information with reference to this meeting can be obtained from Ms. Kathy Plowitz-Worden, Committee Management Officer, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, D.C. 20506, or call 202/682-5691.

Dated: July 17, 1997.

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COMMISSION**

[Docket No. 50-356]

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Low Power Reactor Assembly); Order Terminating Facility Operating License No. R-117

By application dated February 10, 1995, as supplemented on April 24, 1995, and October 2, 1996, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (the licensee or University) requested from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission) authorization to decommission the Low Power Reactor Assembly (LOPRA or the reactor) located on the licensee's campus in Urbana, Illinois. The letter of February 10, 1995, also contained a request for terminating Facility Operating License No. R-117. A "Notice of Proposed

Issuance of Orders Authorizing Disposition of Component Parts and Terminating Facility License" was published in the **Federal Register** on May 15, 1995 (60 FR 25931). No requests for a hearing were received. By license amendment dated January 21, 1997 (Amendment No. 6), the Commission approved the licensee's decommissioning plan. By letter dated April 15, 1997, the licensee informed the NRC that the University had completed decommissioning of the LOPRA in accordance with Amendment No. 6.

The LOPRA was located in the bulk shielding tank of the Advanced TRIGA Research Reactor (TRIGA) (Docket No. 50-151, License R-115), which is located in the University's Nuclear Reactor Laboratory. No licensed material remains under the LOPRA license. The LOPRA fuel and components (special nuclear and byproduct material) were transferred to the TRIGA license. Some components containing byproduct material were subsequently transferred to a University of Illinois byproduct materials license (License IL-01271-01) issued by the State of Illinois to allow the components to be stored at a facility away from the Nuclear Reactor Laboratory. The transferred components and fuel will be maintained by the University with the capability to be assembled in the bulk shielding tank into a subcritical assembly that would be used under the existing authority of the TRIGA license.

By separate action, the NRC has granted, in accordance with 10 CFR 50.12, a specific exemption to the part of the requirements in 10 CFR 50.82(b)(6)(ii) that requires as a condition of license termination a terminal radiation survey and associated documentation to demonstrate that the facility and site are suitable for release. Because the TRIGA will continue to operate, the Nuclear Reactor Laboratory, the TRIGA, and the bulk shielding tank that was the site of the LOPRA are not being released for unrestricted use by this Order and will continue to be subject to the terms of Operating License No. R-115 for the TRIGA Research Reactor. Because the licensee wants to maintain the capability to construct and use a subcritical assembly made of components and fuel from the decommissioned LOPRA under the authority of the TRIGA license, no reactor components are being released for unrestricted use by this action. For these reasons, there is no facility or site to release as part of this license termination.

Accordingly, the Commission has found that the decommissioning has

been performed in accordance with the decommissioning plan approved by Amendment No. 6 to Facility Operating License No. R-117, dated January 21, 1997. 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, on the basis of the application filed by the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and pursuant to Sections 104 and 161 b and i of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and in accordance with 10 CFR 50.82(b)(6), Facility Operating License No. R-117 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 environmental impact. The Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact was published in the **Federal Register** on July 16, 1997 (62 FR 38129).

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) The application for termination of Facility Operating License No. R-117, dated February 10, 1995, as supplemented; (2) the Commission's safety evaluation related to the termination of the license; (3) the environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact; (4) the Commission's exemption to part of the requirements of 10 CFR 50.82(b)(6); and (5) the "Notice of Proposed Issuance of Orders Authorizing Disposition of Component Parts and Terminating Facility License," published in the **Federal Register** on May 15, 1995 (60 FR 25931). Each of these items is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC 20037.

Copies of items 2, 3, 4, and 5 may be obtained upon receipt of a request addressed to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Director, Division of Reactor Program Management.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 16th day of July 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
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