

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-160]

### Georgia Institute of Technology, Georgia Institute of Technology Research Reactor; Notice of Approval of Decommissioning Plan and Notice of License Termination

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is noticing the approval of the decommissioning plan for the Georgia Institute of Technology (GT or the licensee) GT Research Reactor (GTRR) and is also noticing the termination of Facility Operating License No. R-97 for the GTRR.

The NRC has terminated the license of the decommissioned GTRR, which was in the Neely Nuclear Research Center in the north-central part of the GT campus in the city of Atlanta, Georgia, and has released the site for unrestricted use. The licensee requested termination of the license in a letter to NRC dated June 14, 2002. The GTRR was a 5 MW thermal, heavy-water-moderated, -cooled, and -reflected reactor that was fueled with uranium aluminum alloy plates. It was licensed and first operated in 1964 and had a licensed thermal power level of 1 MW, which was upgraded to 5000 kW thermal in 1974. The reactor was permanently shut down on November 17, 1995. The licensee submitted a decommissioning plan to NRC for review and approval in letters dated July 1, 1998, and February 8 and May 28, 1999. The decommissioning plan was approved by License Amendment No. 14 issued on July 22, 1999.

A "Notice and Solicitation of Comments Pursuant to 10 CFR 20.1405 and 10 CFR 50.82(b)(5) Concerning Proposed Action To Decommission Georgia Institute of Technology Georgia Tech Research Reactor" appeared in the **Federal Register** on February 1, 1999 (64 FR 4902). All comments received were considered by the staff during the review of the GTRR Decommissioning Plan.

The NRC completed its review of the GTRR Final Status Survey Report dated June 2002, which was submitted by the licensee to NRC by letter dated June 14, 2002. The report documented the level

of residual radioactivity remaining at the facility and stated that compliance with the criteria as approved in the NRC-approved decommissioning plan had been demonstrated.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.82(b)(6), the NRC staff has concluded that the decommissioning has been performed in accordance with the approved decommissioning plan and that the terminal radiation survey and associated documentation demonstrate that the facility and site are suitable for release in accordance with the criteria in the NRC-approved decommissioning plan. Further, on the basis of the decommissioning activities conducted by GT, the NRC's review of the licensee's final status survey report, the results of NRC inspections conducted at the GTRR, and the results of NRC confirmatory surveys, the NRC has concluded that the decommissioning process is complete and the facility and site are suitable to be released for unrestricted use. Based on the NRC staff's conclusions, Facility Operating License No. R-97 is terminated.

For further details see the licensee's application for decommissioning dated July 1, 1998, and February 8 and May 28, 1999; the July 22, 1999, License Amendment No. 14 to Facility Operating License No. R-97; the licensee's request for license termination dated June 14, 2002; the GTRR Final Status Survey Report dated June 2002, which was submitted to NRC by letter dated June 14, 2002; and NRC Inspection Report No. 50-160/2002-20, dated June 24, 2003, and corrected July 17, 2003. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records for GT dated after January 30, 2000, will be accessible electronically from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS should call the NRC PDR reference staff at 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737 or e-mail [pdr@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr@nrc.gov).

Dated in Rockville, Maryland, this 2nd day of December, 2003.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-315 and 50-316]

### Indiana Michigan Power Company, Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2; Notice of Acceptance for Docketing of the Application and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing Regarding Renewal of Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-58 and DPR-74 for an Additional 20-Year Period

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission) is considering an application for the renewal of Operating License Nos. DPR-58 and DPR-74, which authorize the Indiana Michigan Power Company to operate D. C. Cook Nuclear Plant, at 3304 megawatts thermal for Unit 1 and at 3468 megawatts thermal for Unit 2, respectively. The renewed licenses would authorize the applicant to operate D. C. Cook Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2, for an additional 20-years beyond the period specified in the current licenses. The current operating licenses for D. C. Cook Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2, expire on October 25, 2014 and December 23, 2017, respectively.

On November 3, 2003, the Commission's staff received an application from Indiana Michigan Power Company, filed pursuant to 10 CFR Part 54, to renew the Operating License Nos. DPR-58 and DPR-74 for D. C. Cook Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2, respectively. A Notice of Receipt and Availability of the license renewal application, "Indiana Michigan Power Company, D. C. Cook Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2; Notice of Receipt and Availability of Application for Renewal of Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-58 and DPR-74 for an Additional 20-Year Period," was published in the **Federal Register** on November 10, 2003 (68 FR 63824).

The Commission's staff has determined that the Indiana Michigan Power Company has submitted sufficient information in accordance with 10 CFR 54.19, 54.21, 54.22, 54.23, and 51.53(c) that is acceptable for docketing. The current Docket Nos. 50-