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Sincerely,

Original signed by

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## UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION 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 DOCKET NO. 50-160

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has received an application from the Georgia Institute of Technology dated July 1, 1998, for a license amendment approving its proposed decommissioning plan for the Georgia Tech Research Reactor (Facility License No. R-97) located in the Neely Nuclear Research Center on the campus of the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, Georgia.

In accordance with 10 CFR 20.1405, the Commission is providing notice and soliciting comments from local and State governments in the vicinity of the site and any Indian Nation or other indigenous people that have treaty or statutory rights that could be affected by the decommissioning. This notice and solicitation of comments is published pursuant to 10 CFR 20.1405, which requires publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER and in a forum such as local newspapers, letters to State or local organizations, or other

appropriate forum that is readily accessible to individuals in the vicinity of the site.

Comments should be provided within 60 days of the date of this notice in accordance with 10 CFR 20.1007, "Communications," to the Executive Director for Operations, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555.

Further, in accordance with 10 CFR 50.82(b)(5), notice is also provided of the Commission's intent to approve the plan by amendment, subject to such conditions and limitations as it deems appropriate and necessary, if the plan demonstrates that decommissioning will be performed in accordance with the regulations in this chapter and will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public.

A copy of the application is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, at 2120 L Street NW., Washington, DC 20037.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 25th day of January 1999.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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