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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attn: Mr. Marvin M. Mendonca
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Dear Sir:

This is a short letter to inform you that as of August 1st, I, Akira T. Tokuhira, am assuming the title, Director of the University of Missouri-Rolla Research Reactor. I am taking over position filled to date by the Interim Reactor Director, Dr. Nicholas Tsoulfanidis. In addition, I have also joined the faculty of the Department of Nuclear Engineering at UMR.

My background in brief is as follows: I hold a doctorate in nuclear engineering from Purdue University. For the past five years, I was a JNC International Fellow at the Japan Nuclear Cycle Development Institute. Prior to JNC, I spent an additional five years at the Paul Scherrer Institute (PSI) in Switzerland. While at PSI I worked on the ALPHA-PANDA project for GE's SBWR, while at JNC I worked on developing applications of ultrasound Doppler velocimetry for the Japanese FBR. I have had additional short term appointments at Argonne National Laboratory and Battelle Columbus Laboratories. I am an American citizen.

My initial objective as the new Director will be to familiarize myself with the UMR Research Reactor facility and to obtain a SRO License as soon as possible. I would also like to take an opportunity before the end of the year to meet you in person.

Until this time I remain,

Respectfully,

Dr. Akira T. Tokuhira
New Reactor Director

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