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RE: NRC-2011-0086; Docket No. 030-022787

Opportunity to Provide Comments, License Amendment Request: Curators of the University of Missouri, Columbia, MO, Pickard Hall

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comments on the request by the Curators of the University of Missouri for an alternate schedule for the decommissioning of Pickard Hall on the University of Missouri campus (ADAMS Accession Number ML110540477).

I support an alternate schedule for decommissioning of Pickard Hall. The building is of historical significance, and currently houses a museum of art and archaeology. Moving the museum and its collections would be an expensive and difficult task, and doing so in a short time frame would pose significant risks to the collection. It would also disrupt educational programs associated with both the museum and the academic Department of Art History and Archaeology, which is also housed in Pickard Hall. All reviews to date suggest that the risks to human health are minimal, and the University has taken active steps to assure the safety of workers in the building. Given this, an alternate timeline is appropriate.

At the same time, however, presentations made at the public hearing indicate that the University has known of this issue for some decades and taken no action to correct it. While an alternate timeline for decommissioning Pickard Hall is warranted, an indefinite timeline is not. I would respectfully recommend that : 1) a definitive date some reasonable time in the future be set for the decommissioning of Pickard Hall, which would allow the University time to make alternative arrangements for the museum, its collection, and the teaching activities currently taking place in Pickard Hall; or 2) the University be required to demonstrate that it is taking appropriate actions on an ongoing basis to allow the decommissioning to take place in a timely manner, such as making the decommissioning a top priority for development efforts and capital renovation priorities; or 3) both of the above.