



## Project Summary:

# Nuclear Regulatory Commission Technical Evaluation Reports

**Location:**

Oak Ridge Associated Universities  
(Oak Ridge, TN)

**Government Agency:**

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

**Project Timetable:**

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Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU) has prepared several Technical Evaluation Reports (TERs) for the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation in support of licensing reviews for the decommissioning of research and test reactors. The TERs were written to evaluate the Decommissioning Plans (DPs) submitted by the licensees to ensure that adequate program commitments were in place and that decommissioning activities could be performed safely in accordance with federal regulatory requirements. As part of TER development, ORAU prepared recommended Requests for Additional Information (RAIs) to be evaluated by NRC personnel for inclusion in the Safety Evaluation Report (SER).

Specific areas of the DPs evaluated by ORAU included:

- Final status survey plan and requirements
- Environmental reviews and radiological release criteria
- General industrial safety and health physics programs
- Quality assurance requirements and issuance of specific license conditions
- Proposed changes to Technical Specifications (TS)
- Change control program and security plan

The purpose of the reviews was to ensure a safe and efficient transition from operations to decommissioning, and to verify that all applicable license requirements were appropriately implemented during decommissioning activities. The sites evaluated by ORAU included:

- Ward Center for Nuclear Studies at Cornell University
- Ford Nuclear Reactor at the University of Michigan
- Alan J. Blotcky Reactor Facility located within the Omaha Veterans Affairs Medical Center

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