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**A LETTER FROM THE CHIEF  
DECOMMISSIONING  
OFFICER**

Dear Sirs:

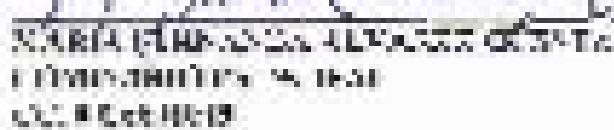
I am the Chief Decommissioning Officer for the Nuclear Energy  
Decommissioning Division of the National Nuclear Security Administration's  
Office of Environmental Management. I am writing to you about the decommissioning  
of the Experimental Breeder Reactor II (EBR-II) facility at the Argonne National Laboratory in Lemont, Illinois.

- We have been working closely with the Argonne National Laboratory and the  
U.S. Department of Energy to develop a safe and effective decommissioning plan  
for EBR-II.
- Our primary goal is to safely decommission the reactor and remove all  
radioactive materials from the facility, and to ensure that the site is suitable  
for subsequent cleanup activities; the facility is currently in the process of being  
decommissioned.
- In addition, we are working closely with Argonne National Laboratory to  
ensure that the reactor's removal does not impact the safety of the  
surrounding area.

The project team at EBR-II has made significant progress in decommissioning  
the facility, and we are grateful for their hard work and dedication.

In addition, the Argonne National Laboratory has made significant contributions  
to the development of new technologies and techniques for decommissioning  
nuclear facilities around the world.

Sincerely,

  
**MARIA FERNANDEZ ALVAREZ GUTIERREZ**  
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