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Mr. John H. Austin, Branch Chief
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Washington DC 20555

Dear Mr. Austin:

SUBJECT: Dockets 70-687 (SNM639) and 50-54 (R-81)

REFERENCE: 1. USNRC LLWM&D Letter, J. Austin Dated Aug. 26, 1993

Your letter referenced above, defined the limits for allowable residual radionuclide soil concentrations at the completion of the Cintichem facility decommissioning. These limits provide the criteria that were stipulated by license condition G in Amendment No. 6 to the SNM639 license.

The referenced letter also requested that Cintichem declare our intentions (within 60 days) regarding the option of maintaining a by-product license in lieu of achieving unrestricted release of the facilities and the site. It is the present plan of Cintichem to achieve free release of the facility and the site. This plan is based on the current availability and cost of waste disposal and also on our current extent of knowledge of the scope of the project. Conditions beyond the control of Cintichem could develop, particularly with regard to the availability and cost of radioactive waste disposal, that may prevent the complete execution of our plan. Therefore we would prefer to defer this decision indefinitely while continuing to do everything in our capability to achieve the primary objective of free release of the facilities and of the site at the completion of the decommissioning work.

We will keep you informed of any event that could cause us to reconsider our current plan.

Very truly yours,


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