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Dear Sir:

SUBJECT: DOCKET 70:687 (SNM 639)

REFERENCE: CINTICHEM DECOMMISSIONING PLAN DATED OCTOBER 19, 1990

Cintichem has estimated in the above referenced Decommissioning Plan that the decommissioning project would be accomplished in 27 months. Recently, Cintichem has been requested to propose residual soil-contamination acceptance criteria based on a site-specific dose pathway analysis. The NRC proposes to include an estimated schedule for project completion and for determining residual soil contamination criteria in the license conditions for this decommissioning project.

If it is necessary to specify these schedules in the pending license amendment, Cintichem proposes that the submittal of the residual soil contamination limits and the completion of the project will occur 6 months and 36 months respectively after the issuance of the SNM 639 license amendment that authorizes the commencement of the decommissioning project under the SNM 639 license.

We understand that sufficient tolerance will be provided in the license conditions to allow for unplanned conditions that may be encountered that are beyond the licensee's control as this project progresses.

Very truly yours,



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