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Dear Dr. Merges:

In response to your letter of April 22, 1994, Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has reviewed the Department of Environmental Conservation's (DEC's) proposed final draft amendment to the Cintichem Consent Order - Sampling Requirement for Surface and Groundwater. This final draft clarifies the sampling, analysis, and disposal procedures contained in the draft consent order dated March 31, 1994 for the S-4 sampling location. In addition, the final draft specifies dates for the submission of sampling data to DEC that were not contained in the March 31, 1994 draft. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff reviewed the March 31, 1994 draft and informed your staff that we had no objection to the consent order in a letter dated April 14, 1994. Inasmuch as the clarifications in the final draft do not alter the conditions of the March 31, 1994 draft consent order, we have no objection to DEC issuing the final draft consent order as written.

> Sincerely, Original Stoned Ry John H. Austin, Chief Low-Level Waste and Decommissioning Projects Branch Division of Waste Management Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards

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