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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: Dockets 50-59 and 70-687, Licenses R-81 and SNM639

Reference: Cintichem Letter (JJM/113.90B) dated May 31, 1990

Cintichem, Inc., by the above referenced letter, announced that the radioisotope production operations under licenses R-81 and SNM639 had ceased and the reactor and radiochemical processing facilities were to be decommissioned.

The enclosed decommissioning plan is submitted according to the provisions of 10 CFR Parts 50.82 and 70.38. It contains a comprehensive description of the proposed decommissioning process following the Guidance and Discussion of Requirements for an Application to Terminate a Non-Power Reactor Facility License, Rev. 1, dated September 15, 1984 that should provide the assurance for the safe decontamination, dismantlement and disposal of the residual radioactivity in the facility.

The financial assurance documentation that is included in the enclosed plan as Appendix D has had some specific financial information excluded. This information has been provided directly to Mr. Robert S. Wood, USNRC Sr. Financial Analyst, as confidential information which we requested be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR Section 2.790.

The decommissioning project schedule as outlined in the plan calls for completion of the decontamination operations approximately two years after commencement of work. Under the national Low Level Waste Policy Act as amended in 1985, waste generated in States outside of existing compacts may be denied access to Low Level Waste disposal sites that will be operational as of January 1, 1993. It is likely that New York waste will be in this category. Therefore, we plan to dispose of all radioactive waste prior to this date and we request that the review of this Decommissioning Plan be expedited as much as possible so that Cintichem may receive the NRC Order to Decommission as early in 1991 as is possible.

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We believe that this Decommissioning Plan provides the assurance that the decontamination and dismantlement of the Cintichem facility can be conducted according to the applicable regulations and that the common defense and security or the health and safety of the public will not be jeopardized.

Very truly yours,


J. J. McGovern
President

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Enclosure

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