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MEMORANDUM TO:

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SUBJECT:

TRIP REPORT: FINAL INSPECTION OF THE CINTICHEM
FACILITY

On June 15, 1998, I accompanied Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff on the final inspection of the Cintichem facility in Tuxedo, New York. Decommissioning activities at this facility have been completed, including the removal of all radioactive material, submission, and approval of final surveys. In addition, the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education has performed, and NRC staff have reviewed and approved, confirmatory surveys at the facility. Staff of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) also participated in the final inspection. The focus of the inspection was to verify that all radioactive waste had been removed from the site, and that termination of the NRC radioactive materials licenses for the facility and its release for unrestricted use was appropriate. Based on the results of this inspection, as well as the aforementioned surveys, the site is suitable for unrestricted use and termination of the radioactive materials license.

In addition to the final inspection, NRC, NYSDEC, and New York State Department of Labor (DOL) staff attended the bi-weekly meeting of the Tuxedo Town Board on the evening of June 15, 1998. The Board had requested an update on the decommissioning from the licensee, and, invited the regulatory agencies overseeing the decommissioning to attend the meeting to answer questions from the Board, or interested individuals. Approximately 20 individuals, including the Town Board attended the meeting. The meeting began at 7:30 a.m., with an overview of the decommissioning of the facility presented by the licensee, followed by questions from the Board and members of the public. Questions centered around the reasons for decommissioning the facility, the levels of radioactive material that remain on-site, the doses associated with this material and the future plans for the site. NRC, NYSDEC, and DOL staff then described the final activities that will be undertaken by the agencies to allow the termination of the radioactive materials licenses for the site. The Board and the members of the public attending the meeting expressed their gratitude to the licensee and the regulatory agencies for providing the update. The agencies provided contact information to the Board if questions concerning the decommissioning should arise in the future.

No followup actions are required from the meeting.

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