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February 1, 1989

Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulations U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Director:

Cintichem owns and operates a 5 MW research reactor at Sterling Forest, New York. Our reactor is presently fueled with high enriched uranium fuel (HEU). The NRC in 1986 issued the 10CFR 50.64 rule limiting the use of HEU in domestically licensed research reactors. Paragraph C (2) of this rule requires all affected licensees to submit a low enriched uranium (LEU) conversion schedule to the NRC annually by March 27th. 10CFR C(2) ii, though, allows a licensee to meet this requirement by submitting a statement that the Federal Government will not fund the licensee for this conversion. Cintichem, therefore, submits to you the attached Department of Energy February 29, 1988 letter stating that there will be no Federal funding made available to Cintichem, that current DOE plans include funding only for university reactor conversions, and that Cintichem will be notified if these circumstances change.

Sincerely,

William G. Ruzicka

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Manager, Nuclear Operations

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Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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Mr. William G. Ruzicka Cintichem Incorporated P.O. Box 816 Tuxedo, New York 10987

Dear Mr. Ruzicka:

In accordance with Nucler Regulatory Commission Rule, 10 CFR Part 50, "Limiting The Use of Highly Enriched Uranium in Domestically Licensed Research and Test Reactors," you are hereby notified that Federal funding by the Department of Energy for conversion of your reactor will not be available during Fiscal Year 1988.

Current Department of Energy plans include funding for conversion of university owned reactors only. You will be notified if these circumstances change.

Sincerely,

Richard E. Stephens, Director Division of University and Industry Programs

Office of Energy Research

