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Docket No. 70-687

Cintichem, Inc.
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Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection Report Number 70-687/89-05

This refers to the special inspection conducted by Dr. Jason C. Jang of this office on December 19, 1989, to observe actions taken and future plans to identify the source(s) of contamination in the storm drain water as stated in your letter dated on December 14, 1989, and to collect environmental samples on which to perform independent measurements in the NRC Region I Laboratory.

Areas examined during this inspection are described in the NRC Region I Inspection Report which is enclosed with this letter. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector.

Within the scope of this inspection, no violations were observed. However, the analytical results of environmental samples indicate that there were recent radioactive liquid releases into the retention pond as described in Section 5.0 of this inspection report. The inspection and NRC sample analyses indicated no evidence of measurable offsite environmental releases.

No reply to this letter is required. Your cooperation with us in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,
Original Signed By:
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Enclosure: NRC Inspection Report Number 70-687/89-05

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