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Docket Nos. 50-54  
70-687

Helmut E. Nimke, P.E.  
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Dear Mr. Nimke:

Subject: Your Letter Dated February 16, 1992, Regarding a Public Meeting Held on  
February 20, 1992 with Cintichem, Inc.

Thank you for informing us of your concerns and feelings on the above subject. We regret that you felt the advance notice of the February meeting held between Town of Tuxedo and Cintichem officials was not adequate, and that your request to delay the meeting was not able to be accommodated. However, since this meeting was between Cintichem and the Town of Tuxedo, and not under the auspices of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), we had no control of the notice period or meeting time and location. We were invited to attend the meeting as an interested party and to answer any questions on matters under our purview. If an additional meeting is held relative to Cintichem, and we are invited, we will endeavor to attend. Please be assured that scheduling and public notification of any meeting held by the NRC will be done in full compliance with the appropriate regulatory requirements.

For your information, the NRC will assure that decommissioning of the Cintichem site will be accomplished by those methods that comply with the regulatory requirements and in accord with the approved decommissioning plan, including removal of radioactive material and decontamination of the site to required levels. We noted that you felt that "satisfaction of all test objectives" (for clearance of the site of radiation hazards) has been left "in the hands of Cintichem on a reportorial basis". We must point out that the NRC, through its inspection program, has been and will continue to monitor the licensee's progress in the site decommissioning. Further, the licensee must provide a final radiological survey of the site to the NRC and New York State agencies for review. The NRC will then conduct independent confirmatory surveys to assure that the site meets all of the decommissioning criteria before the site is released for unrestricted use and Cintichem's NRC licenses are terminated.

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We hope our reply has addressed your concerns. A copy of this letter along with yours, as referenced above, will be placed in the Cintichem docket files and in the Public Document Room.

Sincerely,

**Original Signed By:**

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