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Docket Nos. 50-54
70-687

Cintichem, Inc.
ATTN: Mr. James J. McGovern
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Gentlemen:

Subject: NRC Combined Inspection Report Nos. 50-54/89-02; 70-687/89-02

A routine radiological controls inspection was conducted by Mr. R. L. Nimitz of this office at the Cintichem Hot Laboratory and Reactor Facility, Tuxedo, New York on March 28-31, 1989.

The purpose of the inspection was to review your actions on previous NRC findings, implementation of your commitments outlined in NRC Confirmatory Action Letter No. 88-15, dated June 30, 1988, and review routine radiological control practices at the laboratory and facility. The inspection findings were discussed with you at the conclusion of the inspection on March 31, 1989.

Within the scope of this review, one violation was identified. The violation involved failure of workers to notify appropriate personnel upon identification of personnel contamination. A number of weaknesses were also identified. These are discussed in the enclosed inspection report. These weaknesses were discussed with you at the March 31, 1989 inspection exit meeting and during a telephone discussion held between you, Mr. Paul Swetland and Mr. R. Nimitz and myself on April 5, 1989. As a result of the discussion, it is our understanding that an Action Plan to address the identified weaknesses will be developed and submitted to this office by April 30, 1989. A meeting to discuss the Action Plan will be held at this office on May 11, 1989. If this is not your understanding, please notify us within five days of the date of receipt of the letter.

You are required to respond to the enclosed Notice of Violation in accordance with the instructions contained therein. Your cooperation with us in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:
William J. Lazarus

Ronald R. Bellamy, Chief
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Enclosures:

1. NRC Combined Inspection Report Nos. 50-54/89-02; 70-687/89-02
2. Notice of Violation

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