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December 8, 1983

Steven Asher, Director

Mr. William Moore
Branch Manager & Vice President
Rinchem Co. Inc.
5001 Edith Blvd. NE
Albuquerque, NM 87107

Dear Mr. Moore:

In 1982, the Congress of the United States appropriated funds to the State of New Mexico to investigate, inspect and evaluate possible abandoned hazardous waste sites throughout the State. This process will enable the State of New Mexico to prioritize potential sites in the State and recommend any Remedial Actions necessary for cleanup.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the Rinchem Co. Inc., facility has been chosen for further study under this program by representatives of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and of the New Mexico Environmental Improvement Division. Selection of the facility for further work does not necessarily indicate that contamination is known to exist there. This survey is intended to identify problems, if present, and to evaluate the potential for health and environmental hazards where contamination exists.

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EID scientists soon will be contacting your staff to arrange the data collection effort, which is expected to take an average of one day per site. No special preparations are required of you or your staff. Site-specific data on the hazardous substances present, pollution dispersal pathways, proximity to people and site management practices will be gathered during the site inspection. Soil, water and air samples may be collected in the process.

The study is a part of a national effort by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to identify and inspect more than 15,000 potential hazardous waste sites, as required by Section 3012 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. Sites which are found to be potentially hazardous may be placed on a federal cleanup list and ranked in their order of severity. Cleanup money would either come from the trust fund established under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, known commonly as Superfund, or from those parties responsible for generating the wastes.

Given the great public interest in the program, media coverage is inevitable. In an attempt to ensure proper understanding of the purpose of the survey, a press release will be issued in the near future. A copy of the forthcoming release is enclosed for your information.

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Mr. William W. Moore, Vice President
~~of [redacted] Company, Inc.~~ file
5001 Edith Boulevard N.E.
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87107

PEM SECTION

Re: EPA ID No. NMD085267961

Dear Mr. Moore:

We have completed our review of the correspondence which you transmitted to us on January 19, 1983. Based upon the results of our review of this information and the results of our inspection at your facility on January 25, 1983, we have determined that Rinchem does not generate or treat, store, or dispose of hazardous wastes. Your operation can be classified as a transfer facility and must operate in accordance with the requirements of 40 CFR §263.12.

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After review of information submitted by you, we have determined that you no longer qualify for interim status. Should you desire to generate or treat, store, or dispose of hazardous wastes in the future, you must notify us and follow the procedures for obtaining a permit specified in 40 CFR §122.25.

Should you have any questions or comments, please direct them to Ms. Beverly Foster at 214/767-9727.

Sincerely yours,

Allyn H. Davis
Allyn H. Davis
Director, Air and Waste Management Division

cc: New Mexico Environmental Improvement Division (Ray Sisneros)