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HAZARDOUS WASTE SECTION

Mr. William W. Moore, President
Rinchem Company, Inc.
6133 Edith Boulevard N.E.
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87107

Re: Visual Site Inspection
Rinchem Company, Inc.
NMD002208627

Dear Mr. Moore:

The RCRA Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 authorizes the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to require a RCRA Facility Assessment (RFA) for facilities that manage hazardous wastes. The objective of this evaluation is to determine whether there have been, or are likely to be, releases of hazardous wastes or hazardous constituents at the facility which will require additional investigations and/or corrective action if necessary. This analysis will provide information to establish priorities for a subsequent RCRA Facility Investigation if needed.

An integral part of the RFA is a visual site inspection to verify and determine the location of all "Solid Waste Management Units" (SWMUs). SWMUs are defined as "any discernible solid waste unit at a RCRA facility from which hazardous wastes or constituents might migrate, irrespective of whether the unit was intended for the management of solid and/or hazardous waste" (50 FR 28702, July 15, 1985). This definition includes container storage units; tanks; surface impoundments; waste piles; land treatment units; landfills; incinerators; underground injection wells; physical, chemical and biological treatment units; recycling units; and areas contaminated by routine, systematic, and deliberate discharges from process areas.

We will visit your facility for the purpose of inspecting these SWMUs. This inspection is to enable EPA to attain a technical understanding of current and historical waste flows. Photographs of each SWMU are to be taken to document conditions at the facility and the waste management procedures.

EPA may require the assistance to some of your personnel in reviewing solid waste flows, associated units, past and present disposal practices, construction and details of units, and any other solid waste management information. The attachment to this letter is a partial list of items which EPA will consider during the site inspection to clarify and supplement previously submitted information. Additional issues may be reviewed at the time of the site inspection.

The visual site inspection is scheduled for August 28, 1987. If you have any further questions, please contact Ms. Lydia M. Boada Clista at (214) 655-6790.

Sincerely yours,

Sam Becker, P.E.
Chief
Hazardous Waste Compliance Branch

cc: Jack Ellvinger
New Mexico Health and Environment Department

ATTACHMENT

ITEMS FOR REVIEW DURING SITE VISIT
RINCHEM COMPANY, INC.
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

Items Related to Specific Solid Waste Management Units

Drum Storage Area

- Dimensions and design
- Closure status
- List of wastes (include both hazardous and non-hazardous) managed here
- Spill release history

Slurry Tank

- Dimensions and design
- Description of secondary containment
- Location
- Dates of construction and operation
- Spill release history

Waste Storage Tanks

- Location, dimensions and design
- Description of secondary containment of each tank
- List of wastes (include both hazardous and non-hazardous) managed in each tank
- Dates of construction and operation

Central Sump

- Location, dimensions and design
- Dates of construction and operation
- Methods and procedures for removing wastewater from sump
- List of wastes (include both hazardous and non-hazardous) that will be discharged to the sump

Sludge Filter

- Location, dimensions and design
- Dates of construction and operation
- Secondary containment

Truck Unloading Area

- Location, dimensions and design
- Dates of construction and operation
- Secondary containment
- Spill release history