



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION VI
ALLIED BANK TOWER AT FOUNTAIN PLACE
1445 ROSS AVENUE
DALLAS, TEXAS 75202

*file Rinchem
Permitting*

February 22, 1988

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Dear Mr. Bean:

Thank you for your comments on the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 (HSWA) draft permit proposed for Rinchem Chemical Company Incorporated. I appreciate the concerns expressed in your letter. All the comments we received are relevant to the permit issued to Rinchem by the New Mexico Environmental Improvement Division (EID) under the approved State program and are not related to the HSWA draft permit conditions for this facility which are governed by the HSWA permitting requirements. Enclosed is a copy of the EID response to comments and the changes made in the State's final permit for Rinchem as a result of the comments.

The permit proposed by EPA implements the requirements of HSWA which provides for corrective action for releases of hazardous wastes or constituents from Solid Waste Management Units (SWMUs) at the facility. A Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Facility Assessment completed by EPA in August 1987 documented no releases at the facility, so the corrective action permit conditions address reporting requirements for releases, as well as subsequent corrective actions for any releases identified. All other permit requirements of RCRA are covered in the State permit. After careful evaluation of all public comments received, no substantive relevant issues were raised which would change the HSWA final permit conditions. Therefore, the HSWA permit is issued February 19, 1988, as proposed on October 31, 1987. Procedures for appealing the decision to issue a permit may be found in 40 CFR 124.19.

Thank you for your input to the permitting process.

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Sincerely yours,

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Director

Hazardous Waste Management Division

Enclosure

✓ cc: Jack Ellvinger (EID)