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September 7, 1995

Bill Moore
President
Rinchem, Inc.
6133 Edith NE
Albuquerque, NM. 87107

**RE: Letter of Violation
NMD 002208627**

Dear Mr. Moore:

On July 19, 1995, the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) conducted a hazardous waste inspection of your facility, Rinchem-Albuquerque. Based on review of information obtained, NMED has determined that Rinchem-Albuquerque has violated the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Management Regulations (20 NMAC 4.1). The purpose of this letter is to delineate the violation in writing and to request Rinchem's voluntary corrective action.

The violation is:

1. Failure to maintain aisle space in a manner to allow the unobstructed movement of personnel, fire protection equipment, spill control equipment, and decontamination equipment to any area of facility operation in an emergency. This is a violation of 20 NMAC 4.1.501, which incorporates federal regulation 40 CFR §264.35.

In accordance with §74-4-10 NMSA 1978 (Repl. Pamp. 1993), NMED may: (1) issue a compliance order requiring compliance immediately or within a specified time period or assessing a civil penalty for any past or current violation (of up to \$10,000 per day of noncompliance with each violation) or both; or (2) commence a civil action in district court for appropriate relief, including a temporary or permanent injunction. Any such order issued may include a suspension or revocation of any permit issued by NMED.

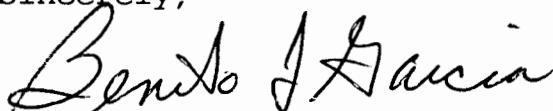
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NMED suspends the enforcement options listed above since Rinchem-Albuquerque resolved the violation during the inspection. Therefore no further action is required at this time.

Any action taken in response to this letter does not relieve Rinchem-Albuquerque of its obligation to comply with 20 NMAC 4.1 in other activities which it conducts, nor does it relieve Rinchem-Albuquerque of its obligation to comply with any other applicable laws or regulations.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Mr. Frank Sanchez at (505) 827-1558 or at the address on the letterhead. Please address any response to Mr. Sanchez's attention.

Sincerely,



Benito J. Garcia, Chief
Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau

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