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June 16, 1998

Mr. James H. Moore Jr.
Director of Operations
Rinchem Company, Inc.
6133 Edith Boulevard N.E.
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87107

RE: AUTHORIZATION TO CONTINUE OPERATION UNDER AN EXPIRED RCRA SUBTITLE C PERMIT
        EPA ID NO. NMD002208627

Dear Mr. Moore:

The New Mexico Environment Department (**NMED**) wishes to inform you that Rinchem Company Inc. (**RCI**) may continue to manage hazardous waste under your operational Container Storage Permit that expired on January 8, 1998. This authorization is being granted because RCI submitted a timely Parts A and B Permit renewal application under the New Mexico (hereafter **State**) Hazardous Waste Management Regulations 20 NMAC 4.1.900 incorporating 40 CFR §270.51(d). However, this authorization does not in any manner relieve RCI from the responsibility for remediation of their previously contaminated site.

Under this authorization, the terms and conditions of the expired Permit shall continue beyond the expiration date of the permit, until the effective date of the State's issuance or denial of a new Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (**RCRA**) Subtitle C Permit. The new operational Permit, including the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments module, which specifies corrective action will be developed using information from the Permit application submitted by RCI, and the EPA Guidance/Model RCRA Permit Protocol.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call Mr. Jerry Bober or Mr. Cornelius Amindyas at (505) 827-1561.

Sincerely,

Mark E. Weidler, Secretary
New Mexico Environment Department

cc: Benito Garcia, Chief, Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau, NMED
        David Neleigh, Chief EPA Region VI (6PD-N)
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