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October 19, 1999

David Neleigh, Chief
U.S. EPA Region VI
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1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200
Dallas, Texas 75202-2733

**RE: RINCHEM COMPANY, INC. CONTAINER STORAGE DRAFT PERMIT
EPA ID #NMD002208627-1.**

Dear Mr. Neleigh:

Enclosed is a copy of the above referenced document, the draft Legal Notice, and draft Fact Sheet developed by the RCRA Permits Management Program of the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) for the Rinchem Company, Inc. (RCI) Container Storage Facility. Upon final approval by NMED, this Permit will replace the operational Permit that expired on April 1, 1998.

Please review the draft Permit and submit your comments to the Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau (HRMB) within thirty (30) calendar days from the date you receive this letter, in accordance with the *Permitting Agreement between the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6, and the NMED, Section E(1)(b)* dated August 7, 1996.

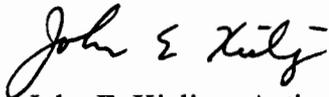
In addition, please submit the RCRA Subpart CC Organic Air Emissions Module with your comments for incorporation into the Permit text as Module V, since the State of New Mexico has not received delegation of authority for the implementation of this portion of the Permit. The NMED proposes to proceed with a 45 day public notice period following receipt of your comments to give the public a chance to review and comment on the draft Permit.

The HRMB will submit the final Permit to you for joint EPA/NMED signatures for proper fulfillment of the RCRA Subtitle C regulations.

Mr. Neleigh, EPA Region 6
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If you have any questions on the draft Permit, please contact or Cornelius Amindyas of my staff at (505) 827-1561x1030.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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