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Subject: Responsibilities of the Emergency
Response Contractor

Dear Mr. Morgan:

This letter is in regard to your comment letter dated September 26, 1990. You had stated you would like clarified the responsibilities and capabilities of our Emergency Response Contractor. Please find enclosed literature from the Rinchem Company which should answer your questions.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me on extension 2227.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure



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WHAT IS RINCHEM?

Rinchem Company, Inc. is a New Mexico Corporation that began operations in 1976 as a branch location of The Rinchem Company, Inc. headquartered in Phoenix, Arizona. In 1983 the Albuquerque and El Paso operations of the company were purchased from the original owner by Bill Moore, the current President and CEO. That same year a state-of-the-art chemical warehousing facility was built in Albuquerque to serve that market in the areas of public warehousing and chemical distribution. In 1989 a similar, but even more state-of-the-art, facility was built at Chaparral, New Mexico to serve the El Paso, West Texas and Northern Mexico markets.

The company began operations as a chemical distributorship which primarily served the electronics and fiberglass manufacturing industries, supplying solvents, resins and related chemicals. The building of warehousing facilities specifically designed for chemical storage allowed the company to enter the business of warehousing for other companies. Customers, vendors and otherwise unrelated companies have found it beneficial to their sales and manufacturing operations to use Rinchem's warehouse, experienced personnel and transportation and materials handling equipment to ensure that their chemical products are handled with the utmost in safety and are made available to their operations as needed.

Rinchem evolved naturally into the chemical waste management business which was initially a matter of extending operations to provide a "round trip" service to customers of the chemical distributorship. When chemicals are used in manufacturing operations they typically take on contaminants that make them unfit for continued use in the operation for which they were purchased. The Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) specifies appropriate dispositions of regulated chemical wastes which often involves documented and controlled transportation to various Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Facilities (TSDFs). Rinchem advises industry on how to achieve compliance with these regulations and provides transportation to a number of TSDFs which it continually monitors for regulatory compliance, financial strength and environmental safety. The majority of waste handled by Rinchem is organic solvents to be recycled or incinerated. Other wastes handled include solid wastes such as debris and filter cake, and aqueous solutions containing heavy metals, alkaline materials and oil. Historically, about 75% of the wastes handled have been destined for recycling and incineration and about 25% for land disposal.

Emergency hazardous materials response and site remediation of chemical contaminants are other phases of the chemical business that were entered by the company at about the time waste management was started. The company's highly experienced, well trained

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BECAUSE WE CARE

personnel respond to requests from municipalities, law enforcement agencies, utilities and industry to control and dispose of chemicals involved in accidents or that otherwise pose a threat to the public or the environment. The remediation staff also has extensive experience in the site cleanup of contaminated dirt, lagoons and buildings.

A significant further step into the business of chemical waste management involved contracting with Sandia National Laboratories, a major Department of Energy research and development contractor, to provide the personnel, equipment and expertise to manage their hazardous waste facility, and to provide emergency spill response and site remediation services throughout their base of operations. This cost plus fee contract initiated in early 1989 is the largest of its kind presently awarded by Sandia. It provides waste disposal service to 289 R & D Laboratories.

While the company is involved in several important areas of the highly regulated, environmentally sensitive chemical industry, its operations have been intentionally limited to the marketing, safety and environmental aspects of non-explosive and non-radioactive chemicals. The company is acknowledged by its regulators; city, county and state governments; its industrial and manufacturing customers and its suppliers as a conscientious chemical industry leader in constant pursuit of better, safer, more environmentally suitable ways to use, transport, store, handle and dispose of chemicals. The company's well known and constantly reinforced motto and creed is "We do it well...because we care".

In summary, Rinchem Company, Inc. is:

Small...37 Bright, dedicated employees;
 Local...Facilities in Albuquerque and Chaparral, NM;
 Financially Stable...14 Consecutive profitable years;
 Respected..We have improved the environment of the cities, counties and states in which we have served.

Rinchem Fills Valuable Roles In:

Chemical and solvent distribution
 Chemical public warehousing
 Chemical transportation
 Chemical contamination remediation

Rinchem is large enough to bring considerable resources of its own and its partners, but small enough to avoid bureaucracy and maintain a positive work ethic to control your costs. We promise the highest possible value for each hour of labor billed.

Rinchem's Chaparral facility and local staff make trucks, personal protective equipment, safety materials, and other necessary resources available at most reasonable costs. It assures close

supervision and detailed knowledge of the partners we use. The value of this local backup will be immeasurable in this project. Rinchem's solid financial position is a reflection of wise insistence on quality and value. We want the most value for every dollar we spend and promise you the same. We will demand it of ourselves, our partners and our vendors. Because we provide continued business, prompt payment, reasonable pay and respectful leadership, we can set high standards, expect conformance and get it. We will do it well...because we care.

CHEMICAL SPILL RESPONSE

Rinchem spill response teams are on 24 hour call in order to contain and clean-up accidental hazardous material releases (24 hour number 505-883-4242). The teams consist of supervisors and technicians who have had training and experience in most phases of personal and environmental protection. Rinchem's primary concern in response situations is to contain the spill and clean it up using the safest, most environmentally sound means possible.

Teams can respond with protection up to Level B using personal air bottles or a cascade air system. Response equipment includes various forms of environmental detection equipment, monitors and containment materials which are commonly used in response situations. Rinchem also has access to all other heavy equipment necessary for clean-up and removal of spilled materials.

As DOT licensed drivers and trained material handlers, Rinchem's crews can salvage and relade distressed cargo, have the load inspected and headed to its original destination in a minimum of time.

From 5 gallon pails to semi trucks, to railroad cars the Rinchem spill response teams provide a quick, safe solution to your problem.



SITE REMEDIATION

Rinchem specializes in long and short term site remediation projects anywhere in the Southwest. Our teams can safely remove and dispose of gases, liquid and solid chemical wastes as well as contaminated soils and waste waters.

Using heavy equipment, vacuum trucks and end dumps for large projects or shovels and drums for smaller jobs, Rinchem will fit its expertise to the size of your operation.

Rinchem will provide knowledgeable professionals to help with planning, scheduling, implementation and regulatory compliance for site remediation projects. We specialize in turn-key projects throughout the Southwestern United States and northern Chihuahua, Mexico.

