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Mr. Thomas Matula
Transportation Branch
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Office of Nuclear Safety and Safeguards
Division of Safeguards and Transportation
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Matula:

Subject: Cintichem, Inc. Packaging Quality Assurance Plan
(License #0109)

Reference: (a) Cintichem, Inc. letter, JJMcG, dated Jan. 23, 1992
(b) Cintichem, Inc. letter, JJMcG, dated Dec. 28, 1992
(c) USNRC letters July 23, 1992 and Jan. 13, 1993

Cintichem, Inc., in the course of doing business as a supplier of radioactive chemicals, owned and was the principle user of three Type B packagings with the certifications 5957, 6058 and 9098. This business was terminated in 1990 and ownership of these packagings was transferred to the U. S. Department of Energy on November 26, 1991. Transfer of possession of the 9098 and 6058 packagings was accomplished over several weeks in the first quarter of 1991. Cintichem, as owner and principal user of these packagings, fabricated, repaired and maintained the 9098 packaging and only performed repairs and routine maintenance as required on the 5957 and 6058 packaging. Since November 1991 Cintichem has only been a user of all these packagings. This transition from owner to user has been documented in the above referenced correspondence.

Since we have only been using the 6058 packaging after January 1991 and since we intend to use it for several more months, we need to keep the subject Quality Assurance Plan, but only those parts of the plan that are pertinent to the use of packaging need to be effective. We are no longer required to do repairs or routine maintenance. Considering the limited amount of time that we will be using this packaging, we believe that this means of complying with the QA requirements of 10 CFR Part 71, as opposed to submitting a revised plan, is reasonable.

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We also believe that it is reasonable to request that Cintichem be reclassified as a user only of this packaging retroactive to November 26, 1991. We request this because of the significant difference in the annual fees associated with these two categories of licenses.

Thank you for your favorable consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,



J. J. McGovern
President/Plant Manager

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Enclosures