

Mr. James J. McGovern
President/Plant Manager
Cintichem, Inc.
P.O. Box 816
Tuxedo, New York 10987

December 6, 1996

Dear Mr. McGovern:

This is in response to your letter dated November 14, 1996, regarding Nuclear Regulatory Commission License SNM-639 authorizing the use of radioactive material at your Tuxedo, New York, facility. Specifically, you requested that SNM-639 remain in effect until the completion of the decommissioning of the facility, which you currently estimate to be by the end of June 1997. The current expiration date of SNM-639 is December 15, 1996.

NRC regulations at 10 CFR Part 70.38(c) state that "Each specific license continues in effect beyond the expiration date if necessary, with respect to possession of special nuclear material, until the Commission notifies the licensee in writing that the license is terminated. During this time, the licensee shall:

(1) Limit actions involving special nuclear material to those related to decommissioning; and

(2) Continue to control entry to restricted areas until they are suitable for release in accordance with NRC requirements."

Because Cintichem is actively decommissioning the site and the controls described in the decommissioning plan that was reviewed and approved by NRC in January 1992 will remain in place until the termination of the license, the NRC staff has concluded that the above conditions can be met and, as such, SNM-639 will remain in effect until the completion of decommissioning operations.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Nick Orlando at (301) 415-6749.

Sincerely,
[ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:]
John W. N. Hickey, Chief
Low-Level Waste and Decommissioning
Projects Branch
Division of Waste Management
Office of Nuclear Material Safety
and Safeguards

9612170337 961206
PDR ADOCK 05000054
W PDR

License Nos. SNM-639, R-81
Docket Nos. 70-687, 50-54
cc: Cintichem dist. list

NRC FILE CENTER COPY

TICKET: N/A

DISTRIBUTION: Central File

TDragoun/RI Sweiss

TMichaels

LLDP r/f

~~MMF~~

MFederline

NMSS r/f

~~AMartin~~

PUBLIC

~~Shelton~~

JDavi

To receive a copy of this document in small box on "OFC:" line enter: "C" = Copy without attachment/enclosure; "E" = Copy with attachment/enclosure; "N" = No copy

Path & File Name:s:\dwm\lldp\dao\cntiextn

OFC	LLDP	LLDP	BGC	LLDP	LLDP	
NAME	NOrlando/bg	JCopeand	RForner	RNelson	JHickey	
DATE	12/3/96	12/3/96	12/4/96	12/5/96	12/6/96	

OFFICIAL RECORD COPY

ACNW: YES ☐ NO ☒ Category: Proprietary ☐ or CF Only ☐
IG : YES ☐ NO ☒
LSS : YES ☐ NO ☒ Delete file after distribution: Yes ☐ No ☒

Delete: ACNW

NL17
10



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

December 6, 1996

Mr. James J. McGovern
President/Plant Manager
Cintichem, Inc.
P.O. Box 816
Tuxedo, New York 10987

Dear Mr. McGovern:

This is in response to your letter dated November 14, 1996, regarding Nuclear Regulatory Commission License SNM-639 authorizing the use of radioactive material at your Tuxedo, New York, facility. Specifically, you requested that SNM-639 remain in effect until the completion of the decommissioning of the facility, which you currently estimate to be by the end of June 1997. The current expiration date of SNM-639 is December 15, 1996.

NRC regulations at 10 CFR Part 70.38(c) state that "Each specific license continues in effect beyond the expiration date if necessary, with respect to possession of special nuclear material, until the Commission notifies the licensee in writing that the license is terminated. During this time, the licensee shall:

- (1) Limit actions involving special nuclear material to those related to decommissioning; and
- (2) Continue to control entry to restricted areas until they are suitable for release in accordance with NRC requirements."

Because Cintichem is actively decommissioning the site and the controls described in the decommissioning plan that was reviewed and approved by NRC in January 1992 will remain in place until the termination of the license, the NRC staff has concluded that the above conditions can be met and, as such, SNM-639 will remain in effect until the completion of decommissioning operations.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Nick Orlando at (301) 415-6749.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John W. N. Hickey", is written over the typed name.

John W. N. Hickey, Chief
Low-Level Waste and Decommissioning
Projects Branch
Division of Waste Management
Office of Nuclear Material Safety
and Safeguards

License Nos. SNM-639; R-81

Docket Nos. 70-687; 50-54

cc: Cintichem dist. list