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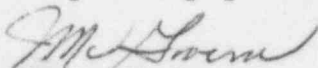
Dear Mr. Orlando:

The expiration date on the SNM-639 License is December 15, 1996 per amendment #7 issued January 18, 1995.

The Cintichem decommissioning project is at a point where the last remedial tasks are being performed, however it is not possible to have the project finished, in particular the final and confirmation survey work, before the scheduled license expiration. We estimate that our final survey report will be submitted by January 31, 1997 and that the NRC confirmation survey work will require another 60 days after which some time will be required for obtaining NRC final approval to terminate the licenses (R-81 and SNM-639).

We request that the license remain effective through June 1997 which should allow sufficient time for completing the work outlined above.

Very truly yours,



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