

PUBLIC NOTICE

NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT DIVISION
HAZARDOUS WASTE SECTION
P.O.Box 968
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

PUBLIC NOTICE NO. 4

February 20, 1986

NOTICE OF INTENT TO TERMINATE INTERIM STATUS
AND TO CLOSE LONG-TERM (GREATER THEN 90-DAY)
STORAGE AREAS FOR HAZARDOUS WASTE

The State of New Mexico is authorized to operate a hazardous waste management program in lieu of the Federal program for those portions of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) in effect prior to the enactment of the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 (HSWA). The HSWA imposes additional requirements on hazardous waste management facilities which will be administered and enforced by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) until the State of New Mexico receives additional authorization for these requirements. Therefore, both the EPA and the New Mexico Environmental Improvement Division (NMEID) of the State Health and Environment Department will determine whether to approve Sparton Technology, Inc.'s (Sparton) request for termination of interim status and the proposed closure plan.

Under authority of the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Act (§ 74-4-1 et. seq. NMSA 1978) and the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Management Regulations (HWMR-2), the NMEID proposes to terminate the interim status of Sparton's Coors Road facility, EPA I.D. Number NMD083212332, located at 9621 Coors Road, N. W., Albuquerque, New Mexico and to approve a closure plan for the long-term (greater than 90-day) storage areas at that site. Sparton's Coors Road facility is involved in the manufacture and assembly of electronic equipment and has conducted long term storage of hazardous wastes associated with those processes.

The EPA has also reviewed the request for termination of interim status and the proposed closure plan for the storage of hazardous waste from Sparton. The review was conducted pursuant to RCRA as amended by HSWA. The EPA has made a tentative determination to approve Sparton's request to terminate interim status and the proposed closure plan under the authority of the RCRA, as amended by the HSWA.

The decision to terminate interim status is based on Sparton's request to withdraw its Part A application for a hazardous waste storage permit because, as a result of changes in its waste management practices, the company will no longer be subject to the requirements of HWMR-2, Section 206.C. for the storage of hazardous wastes. Termination of interim status is to be accomplished through permit denial. The cause for this permit denial is a request by the Company and does not suggest any wrongdoing on the part of the Company.

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The proposed closure plan describes the procedures to be used to immobilize all hazardous constituents in the soil, decontaminate the existing storage areas, and monitor the ground water.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed termination of interim status or upon the proposed closure plan, or who wish to request a public hearing, should submit, in writing, comments and requests, along with the commentor's name and address to the New Mexico Health and Environment Department, Environmental Improvement Division, 1190 St. Francis Drive, P.O.Box 968, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-0968, ATTENTION: Peter H. Pache. Requests for a public hearing shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. These comments and/or requests must be received no later than March 22, 1986 to be considered.

The administrative record for these decisions consist of a permit application (Part A), a "notice of intent to terminate interim status", a fact sheet, a closure plan, and related correspondence. The administrative record may be reviewed at either the EID District Office, 4215-4219 Montgomery Blvd., N.E., Albuquerque, New Mexico, or the EID Central Office, Harold Runnels Building, 1190 St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

To obtain a copy of the administrative record or any part thereof, please contact:

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Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-0968
(505) 827-2924

All written comments submitted on the proposed termination of interim status and/or the proposed closure plan will be considered in formulating a final decision. The EID will notify Sparton and each person who submitted a written comment during the public comment period of the final decisions or of any public hearing which may be scheduled.

If, after consideration of all written comments, these proposed actions become EID's final decisions, EID will issue to Sparton a Notice of Termination, immediately terminating the interim status of the Company's facility. The Notice of Termination will require that the Company's closure activities be performed in conformity with applicable State law, as well as within the terms of the Company's closure plan.

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RADIO

Sparton Technology, Inc.'s Albuquerque plant has withdrawn its application for a permit for longer than 90 day storage of hazardous waste at their facility at 9621 Coors Road, N.W. The New Mexico Environmental Improvement Division (NMEID) proposes to accept this application for withdrawal and to terminate the interim status of this facility under the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Act. The company has also submitted a closure plan for their hazardous waste storage areas which the Division proposes to approve.

Information regarding this matter is available for public review at the NMEID Central Office, Harold Runnels Building, 1190 St. Francis Drive in Santa Fe and the NMEID District I Office at 4219 Montgomery Boulevard, N.E., Albuquerque, New Mexico. Persons wishing to comment on the proposed termination of interim status, or on the proposed closure plan, or who wish to request a public hearing, should do so in writing to the NMEID at P.O.Box 968, Harold Runnels Building, 1190 St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-0968, ATTENTION: Peter H. Pache.

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FACT SHEET

Intent to Terminate Interim Status and to Close Under the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Act

Activity: Termination of Sparton Technology, Inc.'s Coors Road plant interim status and closure of long-term storage areas

Facility Name: Sparton Technology, Inc.

EPA I.D. Number: NMD083212332

Location: 9621 Coors Road, N. W.
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87114

Landowner: Sparton Technology, Inc.

Facility Operator: Sparton Technology, Inc.

Comment Period:

Any person, including the applicant, who wishes to comment on the tentative decisions to terminate the facility's interim status and to approve the proposed closure plan may do so by submitting written comments to the New Mexico Environmental Improvement Division (NMEID), Harold Runnels Building, 1190 St. Francis Drive, P. O. Box 968, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-0968, ATTENTION: Peter H. Pache, (505) 827-2924. All such comments must be received by March 22, 1986 to be considered. Note that the termination of interim status is achieved through permit denial, as required by EID regulations; however, no wrongdoing on the part of the facility is to be inferred.

Procedures for Requesting a Hearing:

Any person, including the applicant, who wishes to request a public hearing concerning the proposed actions may do so by submitting a written request to the New Mexico Environmental Improvement Division (NMEID), P. O. Box 968, Harold Runnels Building, 1190 St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87504-0968, ATTENTION: Peter H. Pache. Any request for a hearing shall be submitted in writing and shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. All requests must include the requestor's name and address. Requests for a hearing must be received by March 22, 1986 to be considered.

Interim Status Activities:

Since November 19, 1980, Sparton Technology, Inc. has been operating under interim status as a hazardous waste storage facility. Primary activities conducted at the facility consist of the manufacture and assembly of commercial, industrial, and military electronic equipment and the storage of various spent solvents, metal plating wastes, and other characteristic wastes (ignitable, corrosive, and reactive wastes) associated with these manufacturing processes. All wastes have been stored at on-site storage areas and have ultimately been shipped off-site to approved disposal facilities.

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Reasons Supporting Decision to Terminate Interim Status:

On January 15, and June 14, 1985 the NMEID requested the submittal of a Part B RCRA permit application from Sparton Technology, Inc. On July 10, 1985 Sparton requested that its interim status be terminated, its Part A application be withdrawn and the facility's status changed to generator of hazardous waste. Sparton's request stated that, due to changes in its waste management practices, Sparton believed they were correctly described as a Generator and therefore were not subject to the NMEID interim status requirements. Subsequent NMEID review indicated that the Company's request to withdraw its Part A application was justified. Therefore NMEID is hereby formally proposing to terminate Sparton's interim status by denying a permit.

Closure of the Facility:

The facility is currently operating under interim status. If this tentative decision becomes the final administrative disposition of the permit application, interim status will terminate and closure will begin immediately [i.e., closure of the Company's long term (greater than 90-day) storage areas]. Sparton's closure plan has been previously submitted, reviewed and modified by NMEID. A copy is available for public review at the NMEID Central Office, Harold Runnels Building, 1190 St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico and the NMEID District I Office at 4219 Montgomery Boulevard, NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico. The public notice and this fact sheet include the proposed approval of the closure plan for this facility's long-term (greater than 90 day) storage areas. The public is provided an opportunity to submit written comments on the plan, or request a public hearing as previously described elsewhere in this fact sheet. The owner/operator must implement the approved closure plan in accordance with its stipulated time schedule.

Ground-water and soil contamination resulting from the storage of these wastes have been detected and will be addressed separately through a corrective action order to be issued by EPA Region VI.

In addition, NMEID has required the submission of a post-closure permit application by Sparton (due March 1986). The ground-water monitoring requirements of this permit and those which will be required through the corrective action order will encompass both on and off-site ground-water issues.

Final Decisions:

All written comments submitted on the proposed termination of interim status and/or the proposed closure plan will be considered in formulating a final decision. The NMEID will notify Sparton Technology, Inc. and each person who submitted a written comment during the public comment period of the final decisions made, or of any public hearing which may be scheduled.