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Dear Mr. Davis:

RE: Draft Corrective Measure Study Report, Sparton Technology, Inc.,
Coors Road Facility, Albuquerque, New Mexico

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau (HRMB) is providing the following comments to the November, 1992 Draft Corrective Measure Study Report, Sparton Technology, Inc. (ST), Coors Road Facility. HRMB understands that ST is proposing only to continue the Interim Measure (IM), on-site, groundwater recovery and treatment as the recommended remedial action alternative. HRMB considers that this proposal is inadequate.

Metals, particularly chromium, and organic compounds have been detected at significantly elevated concentrations in the groundwater both beneath the facility and off-site. The horizontal and vertical extent of the groundwater contamination is currently unknown because the monitoring well system is inadequate. Contaminant concentrations, particularly volatile organic compounds, have increased in the downgradient direction as of ST's last off-site groundwater sampling event (December, 1993).

The horizontal and vertical extent of contamination in the groundwater must be delineated. Remedial action alternatives must be proposed which consider both on-site, including vadose zone, and off-site contamination.

If there are any questions, please contact Ron Kern of my staff at (505) 827-4313.

Sincerely,

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