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GROUND WATER BUREAU

Attention: Marcy Leavitt, Chief

Subject: Sparton Corporation Coors Road Facility

Dear Ms. Leavitt:

As co-chair of the staff committee responsible for implementation of the adopted Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Ground-Water Protection Policy and Action Plan, I want to express support and appreciation for your recent efforts to require Sparton Corporation to characterize, and ultimately, remediate, the TCE plume emanating from their facility. Your March 31, 1995, demand letter to Sparton was a very appropriate response to Sparton's failure to meet the February 17, 1995 deadline stated in your January 6, 1995, letter requiring Sparton's "...proposal for full characterization of the extent and magnitude of ground water contamination beneath and surrounding the Sparton facility."

It is disturbing that TCE contamination 160 times greater than safe drinking water limits has migrated far from Sparton's property, and even more disturbing that the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency's management of this contamination case over the 12 years since it was discovered apparently has not even recognized that off-site ground water contamination is a problem, much less caused the TCE plume to be defined.

Thank you for your proactive efforts to initiate containment and clean-up of this contamination and protect our ground-water resource, from which we obtain our entire drinking water supply. Thank you also for your continuing efforts to keep the City of Albuquerque informed regarding your progress in this and other cases.

Sincerely yours,

A. Norman Gaume, P.E.
Manager, Water Resources Program

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c: Robert E. Gurule, Director, Public Works Department
Sarah Kotchian, Director, Environmental Health Department

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