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Honorable Martin J. Chavez  
Mayor of Albuquerque  
Albuquerque, NM 87103

Dear Mayor Chavez:

I want to thank you for your letter addressed to Ms. Jane Saginaw regarding the Sparton Technology (Sparton) facility. In this letter, you raised concerns over the suspension of the public comment period for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Statement of Basis and the delay in the cleanup activities at the facility.

The EPA initiated a 45 day public participation process on August 10, 1995, to gather public input on a proposed remedy to address ground water contamination at the Sparton facility. Sparton requested that the EPA suspend the public participation process to allow them an opportunity to provide additional information. This suspension will ensure that the community and interested parties will have all of the information available during the review of the proposed cleanup options at the facility. The EPA agreed to this temporary delay in an effort to ensure that future delays over selection of an appropriate remedy would be avoided.

The EPA shares your concerns with regard to the delay in initiating cleanup activities. The EPA met with Sparton on September 13, 1995, to advise them of the general remedy selection process. Additionally, the EPA transmitted technical comments on the report describing the cleanup alternatives to Sparton on October 3, 1995. Sparton has 30 days to modify the report and resubmit. After the report is received from Sparton, the EPA will evaluate the information, propose a remedy, and initiate the 45 day public participation process.

Once again I would like to thank you for your letter regarding the Sparton facility, as well as the support provided by your staff, specifically Mr. Norman Gaume. We look forward to working with you and your staff to expeditiously select and implement the appropriate remedy to address the environmental problems at the Sparton facility.

If you have any questions, please call me at (214) 665-2210  
or Mr. Desi Crouther at (214) 665-6746.

Sincerely yours,



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Director  
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