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December 8, 1995

Mr. Mark E. Weidler  
 Secretary  
 New Mexico Environment Department  
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Dear Mark:

This letter follows up and confirms our settlement discussions this Wednesday, in which we committed to work with you to amicably reach consensus on a remedy. The culmination of this commitment will be a proposal to the State of New Mexico for remediation action at our Coors Road, Albuquerque, New Mexico EPA site. Upon understanding the nature of its impact on the environment in the early 80's, Sparton sought to work with both the State and Federal regulators in bringing about a resolution of the impact. For the last 11 years, we have expended \$5.3 million in regulatory compliance matters including the installation of a pump and treat facility at the Coors Road site. We believe we have fully complied with the terms of the Administrative Order on Consent which was signed in 1988.

As I mentioned, we have been surprised by the lack of interest in this matter by the State of New Mexico from the late 80's to about 1993. Any perceived delay in selecting a final remedy has not been due to any failure by Sparton to comply with this regulatory process. If we had implemented a remedy selection without EPA and NMED concurrence, we believe that it would have been fraught with great risk to Sparton and subject to renegotiation at some future date in the event that any regulator was not satisfied with our action. Therefore we chose not to implement a final remedy on our own without full discussion, understanding and agreement to the action by EPA in Dallas.

In simple terms, here is what Sparton wants to accomplish.

1. We certainly agree that there is impacted groundwater under the soil at the site. To the extent there is a suitable and cost effective remedy available, we intend to implement it. The only caveats we have to any potential technical solution is that it be capable of providing a meaningful level of cleanup and, from an economic standpoint, be a solution that we can financially afford to fund.
2. We want to deal with remedy selection only once.
3. We would like all state and federal regulatory agencies to agree to this one chosen remedy selection.

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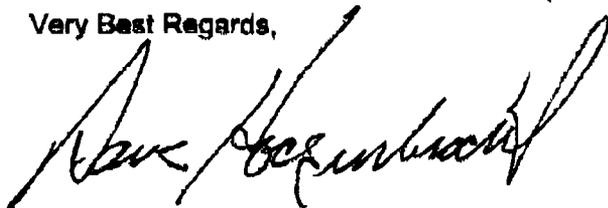
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As I mentioned on the phone, I visited with Herb Johnston at Battelle in Columbus, Ohio on Tuesday. Herb made me aware of two relatively new technologies which have been used in other remediation actions. He believes that they may have application in our case. I have forwarded to him a technical review package which will provide him and his people suitable background information. Coupled with a trip to the site, this should enable them to form both an opinion and a proposal. It is important to me that our ultimate proposal to you represent the best science available in a reasonable cost and timing model which has the best opportunity to be successful. At this point, I cannot speak for Battelles' timing, however, my sense is that it may take them several months to come to a conclusion that they are comfortable in recommending. I expect to talk to them in about a week to get their initial reaction, which I will be more than happy to share with you. I do appreciate your willingness to give us some extra time and will furnish you with a monthly status report on your fax machine as to our progress with Battelle as this study moves forward. In the event you have questions about this or any other matter concerning the site, feel free to call me directly.

Very Best Regards,



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