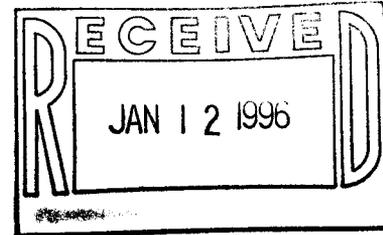




January 11, 1996



Mr. Ron Kern
Hazardous Waste Division
New Mexico Environment Department
2044 Galisteo, Building A
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502

Dear Mr. Kern:

Our client is interested in acquiring the property located at the northern corner of the intersection of Eagle Ranch Road and Calabacillas Arroyo. As part of our "Due Diligence" phase, we engaged the environmental firm John Shomaker and Associates to perform a Phase I assessment.

The results of the assessment include the recommendation that we obtain additional information from your agency regarding the details of the contaminant plume from the Spartan Facility as well as plans for remediation by the responsible parties. Please advise if the contamination has affected vadose zone soils and ground water beneath the subject property.

The New Mexico Environment Department or the party responsible for the Spartan site may have plans to further investigate the extent of the contaminant plume at or near the study site. Please confirm.

Thank you very much for your assistance with this matter.

Very truly yours,

G. J. Suarez, P.E.
Project Development Manager

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cc: J. F. Kassler
Dennis Hastings



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January 18, 1996

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Marietta, Georgia 30067-7734

Dear Mr. Suarez:

RE: Sparton Technology, Coors Road Facility, Albuquerque, NM

In response to your request of January 11, 1996, I am enclosing a copy of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) RCRA Statement of Basis (SB) addressing proposed cleanup at the Sparton site. Included with this SB are December, 1993 maps of TCE (trichloroethylene) contaminant distribution in the groundwater. Your client's proposed property may be affected by groundwater contamination from the Sparton site. Based upon current information, vadose zone contamination appears to be localized to the area beneath the old sump and ponds, which were the units from which discharges occurred.

All groundwater monitoring wells at the site were recently resampled during the period January 8, 1996 to January 17, 1996. Analytical data should be available to the public by the end of February, 1996, and should provide better information for your client.

The New Mexico Environment Department and EPA are coordinating regulatory efforts at the Sparton site. Additional groundwater and vadose zone characterization are required to delineate contaminant distributions prior to final remedy implementation.

If I can be of further assistance, please contact me at (505) 827-1560.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronald A. Kern".

Ronald A. Kern
RCRA Technical Compliance Program Manager

Enclosure