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April 5, 1996

Mr. Ed Kelley, Director
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New Mexico Environment Department
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Dear Mr. Kelley:

I am writing in response to the concerns listed in your letter of March 26, 1996, concerning an extension for the submission of the final Corrective Measures Study (CMS) by Sparton Technology. As you know, EPA notified Sparton by letter dated March 29, 1996, that an extension is being granted until May 6, 1996, for submittal of the final CMS Report. EPA granted this extension as part of a good faith effort to ensure that Sparton has sufficient time to adequately revise the CMS Report. However, I also share your concern regarding the pace of the CMS process, and remain committed to expediting the selection of an appropriate remedy at the Sparton facility.

At this time, EPA is not requiring Sparton to install and collect soil gas data at the site. This field activity was not requested as part of the CMS comments and EPA concurs with the New Mexico Environmental Department (NMED) that these types of activities can be conducted as necessary during any subsequent design phase of the selected remedy. The timing and necessity for these activities were described by EPA in the Statement of Basis.

My staff and I remain committed to working closely with NMED to bring to a close the remedy selection process and begin the implementation of a suitable remedy for this site. EPA is looking forward to meeting with NMED on April 19, 1996, to further discuss the status of this project and the available enforcement options. If you have any questions, please call me at (214) 665-6746, or your staff may call Ronnie Crossland of my staff at (214) 665-6480.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Desi Crouther".

Desi Crouther, Chief
Hazardous Waste Enforcement Branch

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