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May 22, 1996

Mr. R. Jan Appel
Sparton Technology, Inc.
2400 E. Ganson Street
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RE: Conditional Approval on Proposal to Install Additional Monitoring Wells For the Sparton Technology, Inc. (Sparton) Matter; Coors Road Facility, Albuquerque, NM

Dear Jan:

This letter follows your letter of May 14, 1996 requesting guidance on Sparton's proposal for the placement and installation of five additional monitoring wells.

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is encouraged by Sparton's proposal to drill five additional monitor wells. As the first phase of investigation, however, NMED believes that a nine well installation plan is more appropriate than a five well installation plan. NMED encloses attachment A indicating suggested locations for the nine monitor wells. If however, Sparton insists on installing only five monitor wells, NMED recommends that the five wells be at the locations as set forth on attachment B.

If Sparton proceeds with the installation of the monitor wells, at the suggested locations set forth on either attachment A or B, NMED will conditionally approve Sparton's well installation proposal with the following additional conditions:

- (1) The installation of five (or nine) monitor wells does not constitute final corrective action or approval under the New Mexico Water Quality Act, the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Act or any other State law or regulation. Sparton must also realize that if the plume is not subsequently adequately defined, additional monitor wells may be required in the future under New Mexico laws.

The New Mexico Office of the Natural Resources Trustee, the City of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County agree with the conditions of approval. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will provide its response on Sparton's May 14, 1996 proposal under separate

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cover, but concurs with the location of the monitor wells set forth in attachment B.

The conditional approval for well placement is not to be viewed as an acknowledgement by NMED, or any other governmental entity, that five or nine additional wells will satisfy the need for a complete hydrogeologic investigation of the contaminant plume.

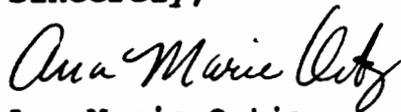
It is NMED's understanding that Sparton has agreed to give NMED at least four working days advance notice of any well installation and sampling so that such actions can be overseen. Upon such notice, NMED will notify the other governmental entities.

Your May 14, 1996 letter also indicated that Sparton is finalizing a soil-vapor investigation proposal. The attached memo from Dennis McQuillan identifies a serious health-and-safety issue that could arise during installation of the vapor probes. Please make sure that Sparton's investigation proposal includes a Health and Safety Plan as described in Mr. McQuillan's memo.

The letter from Secretary Weidler resolved the matter with respect to penetrating the cap at the source area of Sparton's facility to install nested vapor probes. We look forward to receiving Sparton's soil-vapor investigation proposal. Please let us know within five working days when we can expect to receive Sparton's soil-vapor proposal. In addition to faxing this letter, NMED will send the original letter, attachments and enclosures by overnight federal express.

If you have further questions, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,



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Assistant General Counsel

Enclosures

cc: Mark Weidler, NMED Secretary
Ed Kelley, Director, Water and Waste Management Div.
Richard Mertz, General Counsel
Dennis McQuillan, Ground Water Quality Bureau
Benito Garcia, Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau

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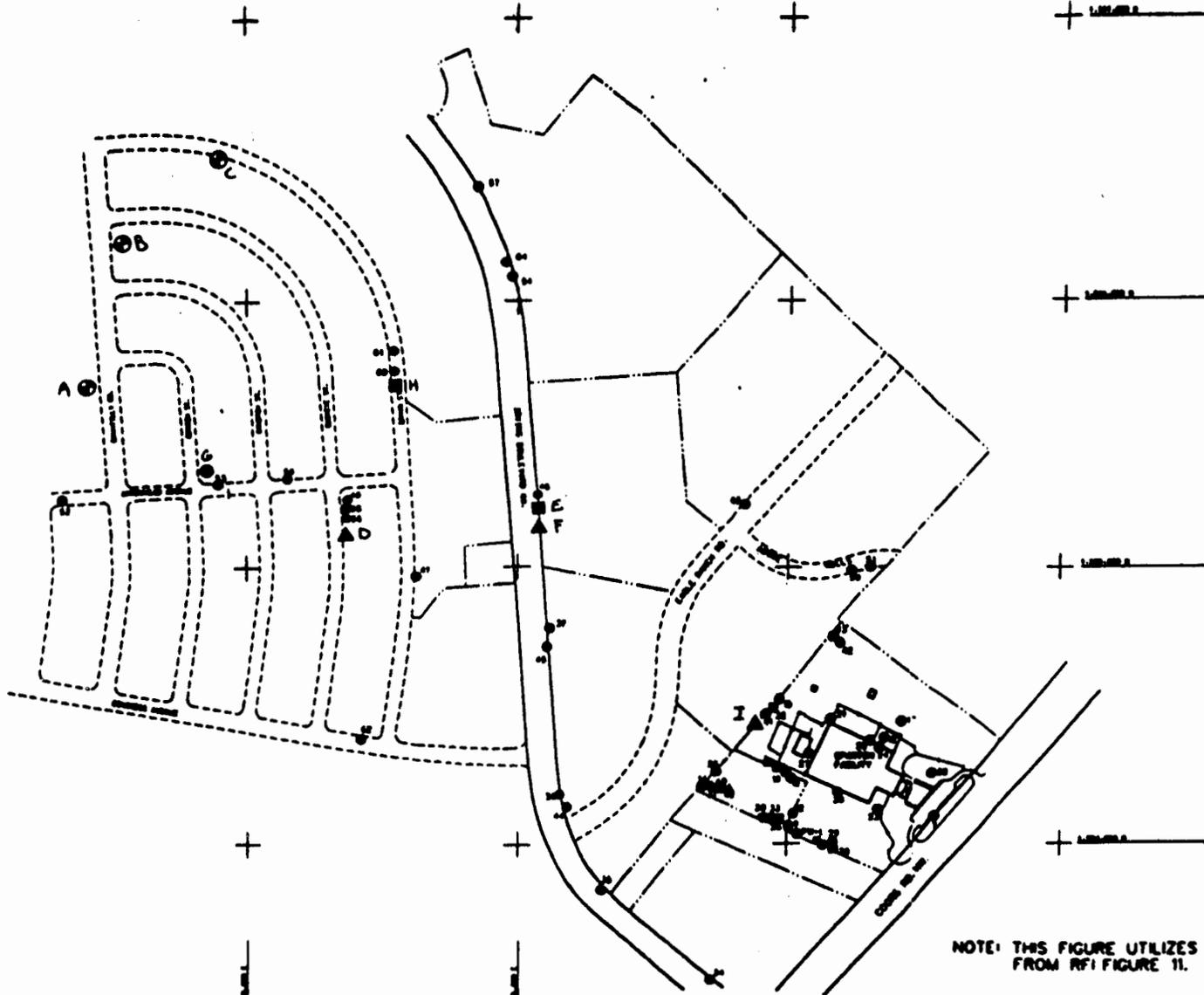
Ron Kern, Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau
Steve Cary, Office of the Natural Resources Trustee
Vincent Malott, EPA
Evan Pearson, EPA
Norman Gaume, Albuquerque Public Works
Curt Montman, Albuquerque Environmental Health
Gary O'Dea, Albuquerque City Attorney's Office
Richard Brusuelas, Bernalillo County Environmental Health
Jim Harris, Thompson and Knight
Charlie de Saillan, Office of the Natural Resource Trustee

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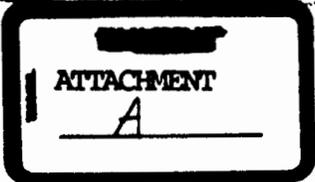
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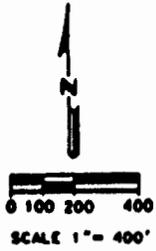
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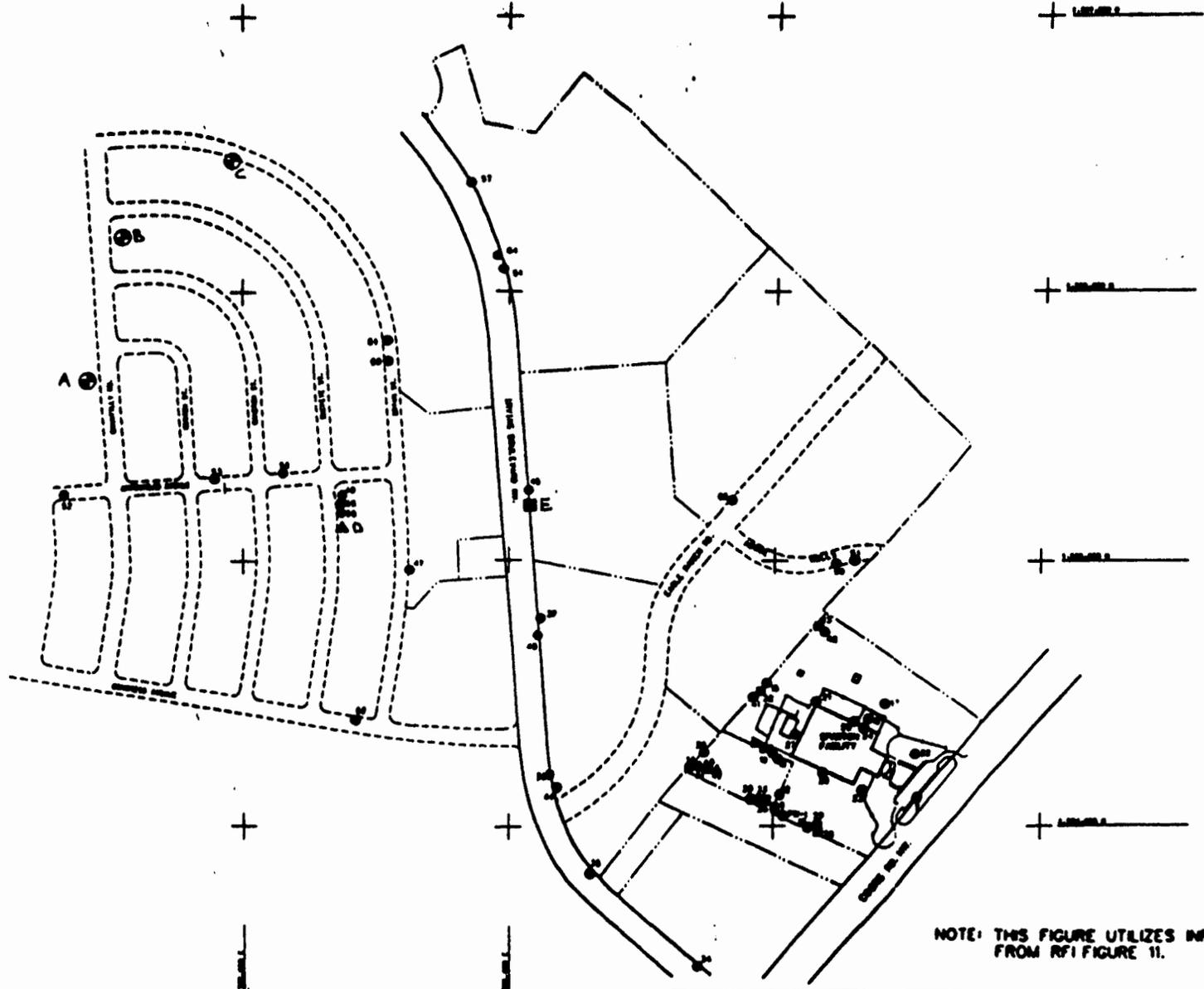


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