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## PRESS RELEASE

Following is a regional development which may be of interest to you. If you need more information on this subject call the Office of External Affairs at (214) 685-2200.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced in Dallas today that it has selected a remedy for groundwater contamination originating from the Sparton Technology, Inc., Coors Road facility in northwest Albuquerque. The selected remedy combines expanded groundwater pumping and treatment, and recovery of contaminated soil vapor.

The Sparton Technology, Inc., facility consists of a 64,000 square foot building on a 12 acre parcel of land on the northwest side of Albuquerque. The facility produced electronic components from 1961 to 1994, when operations ceased. The plant generated hazardous metal plating and solvent wastes, which eventually reached the groundwater as a result of past waste management practices. These wastes are present in the groundwater, and the contamination has moved at least one-half mile from Sparton towards Paradise Hills, and is within two miles of a city water supply well.

To address the environmental concerns, EPA and Sparton signed an agreement in 1988, which required Sparton to install and operate an on-site groundwater cleanup system, which is currently removing 1300 gallons per day of contaminated water. The agreement also required Sparton to study existing groundwater contamination and evaluate cleanup alternatives. In addition, the agreement provided that EPA would select the remedy for the site. Today's announcement is a result of this agreement.

The remedy selected consists of the continued operation of the groundwater recovery and treatment system located on Sparton property; installation of additional groundwater recovery wells; installation of a soil vapor extraction system to recover contaminated soil vapor; and installation of additional groundwater monitoring wells to further characterize the contaminated groundwater. EPA will now begin negotiations with Sparton to implement the selected remedy.

Copies of EPA's selected remedy, administrative record, and response to comments will be available for review at the following locations:

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