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July 2, 1996

Dave Huhn
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RE: Ground Water Contamination at the Sparton Site

Dear Mr. Huhn:

The purpose of this letter is to memorialize the telephone conversation that we had today regarding contamination resulting from past waste management practices by Sparton Technology, Inc. (Sparton) at their Coors Road facility in Albuquerque. Solvent disposal by Sparton in the past has resulted in a plume of ground water contamination that has spread from the facility in a west northwest direction. This contaminated water is not being utilized by any water system and does not pose an ingestion hazard to any member of the public.

In addition, homes located over the existing plume are not subject to any health hazard from the contamination. Contaminated vapors are not found at the ground surface outside of the Sparton facility and so there is no health threat posed by breathing the air, playing in the dirt or eating vegetables grown in this area.

Should you or any of your clients have any questions, I can be contacted at 827-0178.

Sincerely,

Robert Pine
Hydrologist
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NEW VISTAS SUBDIVISION WATER TABLE INFORMATION SHEET

Water used by New Vistas Subdivision is completely supplied by the City of Albuquerque. We have been advised that this water in no way is affected by potential underground water contamination resulting from the past operations of Spartan Technology, Inc. operation. Nonetheless, it is important that each purchaser be advised of the following information on which to make its own evaluation.

Home by New Vistas
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Suite 75

BACKGROUND

Potential underground water pollution has been identified, apparently due to past chemical use by now closed Spartan Technology, Inc. Electronics Plant located on Coors Road Northwest near Irving.

DATA

Ground water depth is approximately two hundred (200) feet under the hills to the west of the New Vistas Subdivision.

Ground water flow is to the west-northwest between the New Vistas Subdivision and Irving Boulevard.

The outer limits of the contaminated ground water plume, as of December 1993, did include the area now known as New Vistas Subdivision, as well as other developments in the area of Spartan Technology, Inc..

Since 1988, Spartan Technology, Inc. has been working with oversight by EPA and contractor support in efforts to clean up contaminated water.

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As a result of February 1996 Public Hearings, Spartan Technology, Inc. will be working closely with EPA, New Mexico Environment Department, City of Albuquerque and County of Bernalillo to increase its efforts to clean up what contamination may exist as quickly as possible. Spartan Technology, Inc. has accepted full responsibility for the clean-up. More information may be available from Spartan Technology, Inc. and the EPA.

We are told that the primary possible human health risks are related to contact with contaminated ground water, which as noted above is several hundred feet underground. Ground water currently supplies the sole source of drinking water for the City of Albuquerque. The uncontaminated portion of the aquifer is useable as a source of drinking water, and is currently used outside of the contaminant plume for this purpose.