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RE: Posting of Notice of Imminent and Substantial Endangerment at
Sparton Technologies, Inc. Coors Road Facility

Dear Jim:

This letter serves to respond to your letter dated March 19, 1997
and our conversation of March 21, 1997.

Previously it was mutually understood that the New Mexico
Environment Department ("NMED") could enter the Sparton Technology,
Inc. ("Sparton") facility on Coors Road in Albuquerque at any
reasonable time for any reasonable purpose. The statutory
authority under the New Mexico Water Quality Act and the Hazardous
Waste Act also permits entry without prior notice if for a
reasonable purpose and time. You have now expressed a desire for
NMED to notify John Wakefield prior to entry at the above-
referenced facility. NMED has no problem with providing Mr.
Wakefield prior notice of any entry by NMED.

We also discussed the fact that Sparton torn down the endangerment
notice from the outside fence where NMED had posted it pursuant to
our statutory authority. As I indicated, the authority for posting
is set forth in the notice. The statutory authority is very clear
that posting is required by the Environmental Protection Agency
("EPA") and NMED.

Given the mandatory language of the statutes NMED will need to
again post the notice of the endangerment since it was removed.
NMED desires to repost next week at the Sparton facility. NMED has
added another sentence to the notice which was removed at your
direction. It reads as follows: "The known endangerment consists
of soil and ground water contamination that threaten the aquifer
used by the Albuquerque Urban Area" The additional sentence should
serve to clarify the endangerment and address Sparton's concerns.

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The fact that Sparton does not agree with NMED's endangerment determination is irrelevant. Sparton will have the appropriate forum to argue against an "imminent and substantial endangerment" finding. In and of itself, the posting of the notice is a mandatory obligation.

Please contact me to discuss reposting of the notice with the additional language set forth in this letter. I hope this matter can be resolved to our mutual satisfaction.

Very truly yours,


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