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Gentlemen:

This committee has been seriously concerned about the hazardous waste plume contaminating underground water that is known as the "Sparton site" in southwest Albuquerque for years. In order to understand why no remedial action has been taken to date, and to determine what action should be taken to commence remediation as soon as possible, we request the following information from each of you by October 15, 1997:


- The history of actions taken concerning the Sparton site, from the discovery of the contamination to date; and
- Your recommendation for the appropriate action or actions that must be taken to commence the clean-up of the site at the earliest possible time.

The committee expects to consider the Sparton issue during its hearings later this fall. You will be notified whether the committee will receive the information as a report from its staff or will schedule the issue for a full hearing.

Mark Weidler/William Turner
September 23, 1997
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If you need clarification concerning this request, please contact the LFC Director, David Abbey or staff analyst, Jessica Schar.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Max Coll', written in a cursive style.

Representative Max Coll
Chairman

MC:js/gm

cc: Jerry Clifford, Acting Regional Director
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