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Mr. Richard D. Mico
Vice President and General Manager
Sparton Technology, Inc.
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Rio Rancho, NM 87124

RE: Final Administrative Order under Section 3008(h) of RCRA
Sparton Technology, Inc., Docket No. RCRA-VI-001(h)96-H,
EPA ID No. NMD083212332

Dear Mr. Mico:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency - Region 6 (EPA) has determined that Sparton Technology, Inc., Albuquerque, New Mexico, (Sparton) remains in violation of the Final Administrative Order (Order) issued by EPA to Sparton dated February 10, 1998. As specified in Section XXVII of the Order, the Order was effective on February 13, 1998.

As specified in my letter dated March 24, 1998, Sparton was required to submit an assurance of its financial ability by March 15, 1998, as required in Section XIV of the Order. EPA has yet to receive this required submission. In addition, Sparton has failed to submit a response or document to EPA for review and approval/modification for these additional activities under the Order specified below:

1. Submissions to EPA required from Sparton within forty-five (45) days of the effective date of the Order (i.e., March 30, 1998).
 - a. Vadose Zone Investigation Workplan pursuant to Section VII.6 of the Order.
 - b. Ground Water Investigation Workplan pursuant to Section VII.15 of the Order.
 - c. Health and Safety Plan pursuant to Section VII.4 of the Order for all field activities related to the vadose Zone and Ground Water Investigation Workplans.
 - d. Public Involvement Plan pursuant to Section VII.5 of the Order. This Public Involvement Plan would include schedules of community relation activities concerning activities under the Order.

2. Monthly submissions to EPA required from Sparton beginning on March 10, 1998.

a. Progress report from Sparton due on March 10, 1998, to document the progress with the activities required in the Order pursuant to Section VIII.2 of the Order.

To date, EPA has not received any document or response related to the above Order requirements. Please notify EPA in writing on or before April 13, 1998, if Sparton intends to comply with these requirements of the Order. As you are aware, EPA intends to seek civil penalties and enforce the Order judicially.

If you have any legal or technical questions, please call Gloria Moran, Senior Enforcement Counsel, at (214) 665-3193, or myself at (214) 665-8315, respectively.

Sincerely yours,

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