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RE: Draft Public Involvement Plan Notification  
EPA/NMED Comments  
Sparton Technology, Inc., Consent Decree  
Civil Action No. CIV 97 0206 LH/JHG

Dear Mr. Hurst:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") and the New Mexico Environment Department ("NMED"), have received the Draft Public Involvement Plan Notification submitted by Sparton Technology, Inc. ("Sparton") on May 2, 2000, pursuant to Section VII of the Public Involvement Plan for Corrective Measure Activities, Attachment B of the March 3, 2000 Consent Decree. Pursuant to Section X, Paragraph 27 of the March 3, 2000, Consent Decree, Sparton shall modify the Draft Public Involvement Plan Notification as indicated in the enclosed comments. The enclosed comments must be addressed to the satisfaction of EPA and NMED prior to transmittal of the notification to the public.

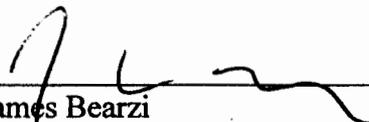
Within the enclosed comments, additions to the Draft Public Involvement Plan Notification are in **bold underlined italics** text, while deletions are in ~~strikeout~~ text. If you have any questions, please contact Michael A. Hebert (EPA) at 214-665-8315 or James Bearzi (NMED) at 505-827-1567.

Sincerely yours,



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Michael A. Hebert  
Project Coordinator  
U.S. EPA Region 6



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James Bearzi  
Project Coordinator  
New Mexico Environment Department

Enclosure - EPA/NMED Public Involvement Plan Notification comments

cc: Secretary - Sparton Technology, Inc.

EPA/NMED Public Involvement Plan Notification Comments

NOTIFICATION

Draft02 of April 27, 2000

Sparton Technology, Inc., wishes to notify you of the opportunity to participate in a public information meeting for current and planned environmental restoration activities at their former plant at 9621 Coors Road. Sparton Technology operated a defense electronics component manufacturing plant at this location from 1961 through 1994. In 1983, it was determined that several industrial solvents used in the manufacturing processes had impacted soil and groundwater under the plant. A series of investigations detailed the nature and extent of the solvent contamination. Trichloroethylene (TCE), 1,1,1-trichloroethane (TCA) and lesser amounts of methylene chloride (MeCL), acetone, and 1,1-dichloroethylene (DCE) were the primary constituents impacting soil, soil gas, and groundwater. Groundwater sampling further indicated that these constituents had migrated off site up to one-half mile to the northwest of the plant. ~~However, the various studies showed no threat to existing water supply wells or surface property.~~ **However, the various studies have indicated that no existing water supply wells have been impacted.**

Sparton Technology began environmental restoration activities at the plant in late 1988 by installing a groundwater recovery and treatment system on site. In 1998, additional restoration activities were implemented. A groundwater recovery and treatment system was installed off site near the intersection of Chantilly and Benton approximately one-half mile northwest of the plant. This system intercepts and prevents further migration of the solvent constituents in groundwater. Treated water is recharged to the aquifer using an infiltration gallery installed in the Arroyo Calabacillas near its confluence with Black Arroyo. This containment system will be in operation for the foreseeable future. On site, a soil vapor extraction (SVE) system was installed to remove solvent constituents from the soil and soil gas above the water table. ~~SVE operation has~~

~~completed its objective; however, the system will continue operation until 2001.~~ **The SVE system will be operated for one year at which time testing will be performed to determine if cleanup objectives have been met.**

Sparton Technology is currently in the process of implementing additional on-site groundwater recovery and treatment to prevent further off-site migration of solvent constituents. This system will replace the existing on-site system installed in 1988. Treated water from the system will be recharged to the aquifer through rapid infiltration ponds constructed on site. The water being returned to the aquifer from both the off-site and on-site systems ~~meets~~ **is required to meet** the EPA ~~and NMED~~ **federal** Drinking Water Standards **(Maximum Contaminant Levels, or MCLs, established under the Safe Drinking Water Act) and/or the maximum allowable concentrations in ground water set by the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission.**

**Sparton, EPA, the City of Albuquerque, the Bernalillo County Commissioners, the New Mexico Environment Department, the New Mexico Attorney General's Office, and the New Mexico Office of the Natural Resources Trustee Technology, Inc. (Sparton), recently concluded negotiations concerning the scope of remediation measures to implement at the Sparton facility. The agreements reached between these parties are documented in a Consent Decree [CIV 97 0206 LH/JHG (D.N.M.)] dated March 3, 2000, which is filed with the U.S. District Court for the District of New Mexico. All cleanup activities are now being implemented pursuant to the requirements of the Consent Decree.**

~~The investigations and restoration activities are detailed in work plans and reports that were previously submitted to the City, County, State, and U.S. EPA. Copies of this information~~ **the Consent Decree and its associated remediation work plans as well**

**as historical investigation/remedial work plans and reports submitted to the City,**

**County, NMED, and EPA** are available for review at the:

Taylor Ranch Public Library, (Telephone # 505 897-8816) located at:  
5700 Bogart NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120.

City of Albuquerque Department of Public Works, (Telephone # 505 768-2561) located at:  
One Civic Plaza NW, Albuquerque, NM 87103

New Mexico Environment Department in Santa Fe, (Telephone # 505 827-2831) located at:  
1190 St. Francis Drive, Harold Runnels Building, Room N2209, Santa Fe, NM 87502

Alternatively, you may contact Mr. Tony Hurst, Sparton Technology's local  
representative, at (505) 866-4905

On July 6, 2000, Sparton Technology will conduct a public information meeting at  
"Place to be determined – inserted here" at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will cover the progress and  
schedule of environmental restoration activities being conducted by Sparton  
Technology. Representatives of the City of Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, State of  
New Mexico, **New Mexico Environment Department**, and U.S. EPA will also be  
present to answer questions.