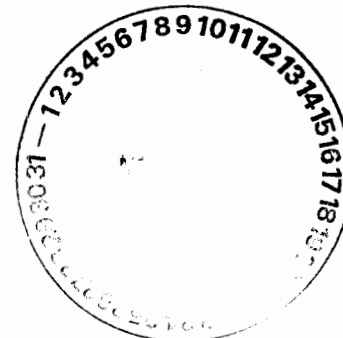**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**
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RE: 2002 Annual Report
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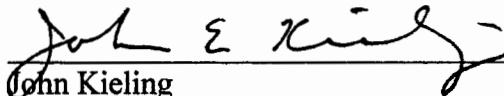   Civil Action No. CIV 97 0206 LH/JHG

Dear Mr. Hurst:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") and the New Mexico Environment Department ("NMED"), received the 2002 Annual Report submitted May 13, 2003, by Sparton Technology, Inc. (Sparton) pursuant to Section VII, Paragraph 18, of the subject March 3, 2000, Consent Decree. EPA and NMED have reviewed the 2002 Annual Report and have determined that the subject report satisfies the requirements of the March 3, 2000, Consent Decree.

EPA and NMED have enclosed a few comments that will assist EPA and NMED in future reviews of the required annual reports. There is no need to revise the 2002 Annual Report, simply respond to the enclosed comments in a letter. If you have any questions, please contact Charles A. Barnes (EPA) at 214-665-6535 or John Kieling (NMED) at 505-428-2535.

Sincerely yours,

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Project Coordinator
U.S. EPA Region 6

John Kieling
Project Coordinator
New Mexico Environment Department

cc: Secretary -   Sparton Technology, Inc.

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1. Reference to the Soil Vapor Extraction System can be deleted in future monthly reports.
2. A sampling plan for MW 71R is needed. The assumption is that the sample plan for MW71 will be used, but a statement to that effect is needed.
3. A work plan is needed for MW 71R detailing how the well will be managed.
4. A list of proposed activities is needed enumerating the options planned following a year of "pump and treat."
5. A plan/data detailing and/or supporting closure and release of 4 ponds at the Source Containment facility to Melloy Dodge is needed.

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