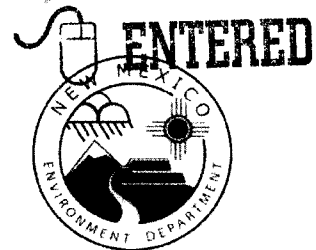




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February 20, 2009

Susan Widener, Manager  
Sparton Technology, Inc.  
2400 East Ganson Street  
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**RE: NOTICE OF DISPUTE  
SPARTON TECHNOLOGY, INC.; NO. CV-97-0206 (D.N.M.)  
EPA ID NO. NMD083212332**

Dear Secretary:

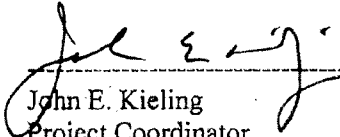
The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) have received Sparton Technology, Inc.'s (Sparton) letter, dated February 2, 2009, *Notice of Dispute Pursuant Paragraph 50 of the Consent Decree entered in Albuquerque v. Sparton Technology, Inc.; CV-97-0206(D.N.M.)*. Sparton has invoked the informal dispute resolution process pursuant to Paragraph 50 of the Consent Decree. The Consent Decree allows an extension to the informal dispute resolution process pursuant to Paragraph 49 wherein all parties to the dispute agree in writing to the extension. This letter will serve as the written agreement from EPA and NMED to an extension of thirty (30) days from the receipt of Sparton's letter dated February 2, 2009 invoking the dispute resolution process. The informal negotiations will be extended to April 3, 2009 upon written agreement from Sparton.

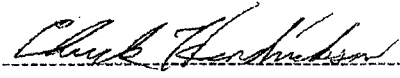
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NMED and EPA will be available for discussion of this extension of the dispute resolution period with Sparton. If you have any questions, please contact John Kieling at 505-476-6035 or Chuck Hendrickson at 214-665-2196.

Sincerely,

  
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John E. Kieling  
Project Coordinator  
New Mexico Environment Department

  
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U.S. EPA Region 6

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