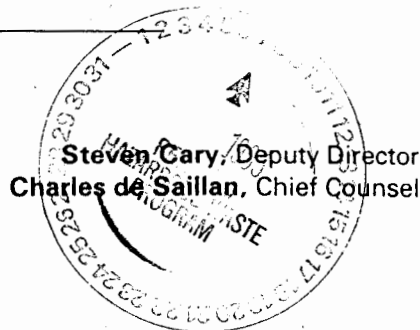




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April 4, 1995

R. Jan Appel
Vice President and General Counsel
Sparton Corporation
2400 East Ganson St.
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Dear Mr. Appel:

The New Mexico Office of the Natural Resources Trustee (ONRT) believes that an assessment of injuries to natural resources, and their associated damages, will be necessary for the Sparton Technology facility on Coors Road in Albuquerque, New Mexico. ONRT is attempting to coordinate the assessment of such injuries with other data collection efforts at the facility. Such coordination could result in more timely resolution of liability at the site and help minimize duplication of effort and unnecessary costs.

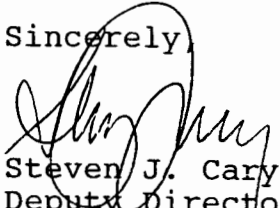
ONRT has reviewed all available information, including a letter with enclosure from Richard Virtue to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) dated March 10, 1995. As a result, ONRT concludes that data collected to date are inadequate to assess injury to ground-water resources. Data are not adequate to characterize the lateral extent of the contaminant plume in the upper flow zone. Data necessary to adequately characterize the vertical dimension of the contaminant plume are also not available. It is ONRT's understanding that these data may not be collected as part of Sparton's efforts to comply with RCRA.

ONRT requests that Sparton submit a work plan, for ONRT approval, that includes: 1) periodic and frequent monitoring of water quality in off-site monitor wells, 2) installing additional monitor wells in the upper flow zone to identify the down-gradient extent of the plume, and 3) installing at least three additional wells in the deep flow zone. ONRT understands that the Ground Water Bureau of NMED has made a similar request of Sparton. ONRT is coordinating its specific needs for ground-water data with the needs and requests of NMED, offering Sparton the opportunity to avoid two independent ground-water investigations. The work plan requested by ONRT may be a copy of the work plan submitted pursuant to NMED's recent request.

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I look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,



Steven J. Cary
Deputy Director

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