

SPARTON CORPORATION

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CHAIRMAN

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Governor Gary E. Johnson
State Capitol
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503

Dear Governor Johnson:

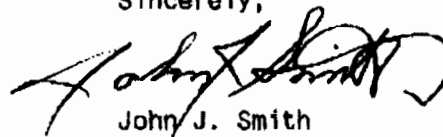
Thank you for your letter of April 30 commending us on our operation of Sparton Technology, Inc. and for the very fine job that Richard Mico, our General Manager, has done in Albuquerque.

It is most unfortunate that a few individuals within regulatory agencies seem to be following their own personal agendas to make the contamination at our Coors Road facility a bigger problem than it actually is. Their efforts are counterproductive.

The demand of some, but not all, of the regulators that we reduce the groundwater contamination at this facility to drinking water standards is absolutely unrealistic; much as we would like to be able to do it. There is no known technology available today to achieve this in a reasonable time period at an affordable cost. We cannot financially afford an expensive pump and treat system that is being proposed which will not reduce the contamination to this standard in any reasonable time.

These continual misstatements of fact in the newspaper may have only one ultimate effect. They may require us to leave New Mexico, even though we like being there. It is unrealistic to impose an expensive remedy on us that will not materially reduce the number of years that this contamination will remain in the ground. Sparton Technology, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Sparton Corporation, has maintained a growing presence in New Mexico since 1960, currently employing more than 200 people within the State of New Mexico.

Sincerely,


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