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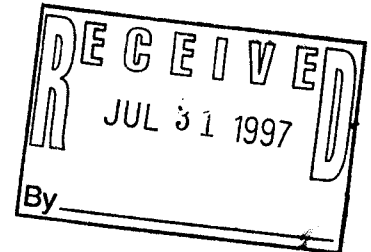
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**RE: Response to Report on Soil Gas Characterization Submitted by
Sparton Technology, Inc.**

Dear Jim:

The New Mexico Environment Department will be responding to the above-referenced report within the next fourteen days. We had hoped to provide our comments to you sooner, but due to schedules and coordinating efforts it is taking longer than anticipated. Please call me if this is problematic for your client.

Very truly yours,

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