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Corps completes radioactive contamination cleanup near Lambert Field

St. Louis – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District, will close out a nine-year cleanup of residual radioactive contamination near Lambert Field Wednesday, May 30. Completing this work to remove low-level contamination from the area known as the St. Louis Airport Site – or SLAPS – will make the area safe for future development.

During World War II the Manhattan Engineering District Project generated the contamination while developing the nation's first atomic weapons. After the war the Atomic Energy Commission generated additional contamination while fabricating additional atomic weapons.

The Corps conducted the cleanup under the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP). FUSRAP is a Federal program that investigates and, if necessary, cleans up sites where residual radioactive contamination remained after the weapons work here ceased.

The SLAPS project has been one of the largest environmental cleanup works in Missouri. One of three site clean up projects in North St. Louis County that is on the National Priorities List, SLAPS is the first to be completed. All of the sites are located in the industrial corridor north of Lambert International Airport.

The Corps completed its excavation work at SLAPS in February 2007. During the work, the St. Louis District managed contractors who removed more than 600,000 cubic yards of contaminated soil and safely transported it to approved disposal sites outside the State of Missouri.

The formal end of this project will be marked by a ceremony at 10 a.m., Wednesday, May 30 at the site at 110 James S. McDonnell Boulevard. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will be represented by its Mississippi Valley Division Commander, Brig. Gen. Robert Crear and St. Louis District Commander, Col. Lewis F. Setliff III. Representatives from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and the cities of Berkeley and St. Louis, Missouri are expected to attend.

Who: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District
What: Ceremony for completion of residual radioactive contamination cleanup at St. Louis Airport Site
When: 10 a.m., Wednesday, May 30, 2007
Where: 110 James S. McDonnell Boulevard
Directions: - from **I-70**, take **I-170 North**
- go **1.5 miles, RIGHT** onto **Airport Road exit**
- **LEFT** onto **Airport Road**
- go **0.5 miles to end Airport Road**
- continue **straight/bear right** on **McDonnell Blvd**
- **1.2 miles:** SLAPS on **LEFT** just **past Eva Avenue.**
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