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Dear Mr. Vitkus:

I have received and reviewed the Interim Letter Reports for the verification of the following vicinity properties in Hazelwood, Missouri: Nos. 48, 33/34, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 30, 32, 36, and 37. Some generic comments were identified during the review of the reports.

The reports (on the first page of each) mention that the processing wastes were purchased by Continental Mining and, "subsequently, transported to 9200 Latty Avenue for storage under an Atomic Energy Commission (AEC), predecessor agency to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), license." While this statement is true, the AEC was also a predecessor to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), and the activities of Continental Mining were clearly under the jurisdiction of the NRC predecessor because of the licensed status. DOE's authority to conduct remedial action at Latty Avenue and the vicinity properties was established in the 1984 Energy and Water Appropriations Act. In future interim reports, I recommend that the expression "predecessor agency to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)" be deleted, and that the authority established by the 1984 Energy and Water Appropriations Act be inserted.

There have also been some administrative and staff changes within the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program.

Mr. D. Adler, who was copied on your reports, has been reassigned to another activity. Mr. E. Valdez in the newly established St. Louis Office will be the site manager, and Mr. R. Atkin in the Oak Ridge Operations Office will be the point-of-contact there.

Accordingly, please delete Mr. Adler from copies of future St. Louis correspondence, and please copy Messrs. Valdez and Atkin.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

W. Alexander Williams, PhD

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