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Honorable William "Bill" Miller, Mayor
City of Berkeley
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Dear Mayor Miller:

I have decided to write this letter after consideration of the proposed expansion of the Hazelwood Interim Storage Site by the U.S. Department of Energy. Under this proposal, the Hazelwood Site would be expanded to temporarily store a small part of the radiologically contaminated soil near the St. Louis Airport. It is the understanding of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources that you have opposed this action based on the possibility of adverse economic impacts, and a desire that a permanent solution be found. The Department of Energy has stopped progress on the cleanup because of their policy to have the concurrence of the local community for any interim removal actions.

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources continues to support this proposal, for the most immediate needs, with the understanding that it is a temporary storage facility and that detailed design information would be available for review prior to implementation. The continued presence of uncontrolled contaminated soil above cleanup guidelines, with the potential for disturbance and spreading, is an unacceptable situation. This material is federal weapons production waste which has been placed on private property or other property not owned or controlled by the Department of Energy. The cleanup guidelines were established to be protective of human health, but such protection will be more difficult to ensure as contamination continues to spread and as direct human exposures continue to occur. We believe that actual field work for a permanent solution for this site is several years away. Also, disturbances continue to occur such as roadwork, the installation and repair of utilities, and commercial/industrial construction activities. These activities may either be hampered by the presence of contamination, or proceed with the possible spreading of contamination.

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I urge you to support this proposal. I assure you that the Missouri Department of Natural Resources support of this short term action does not affect our determination to find an acceptable long term solution that considers the economic and environmental health of your community. The Department of Energy has been contacted and requested to work with you toward satisfaction of concerns with this proposal. Please contact me at (314) 751- 4422, if I can be of assistance.

Very truly yours,

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