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Dear Mr. Shorr:

Thank you for your December 1993 letter concerning the Department of Energy's environmental restoration activities for contaminated properties in the St. Louis area. In your letter, you requested that near-term cleanup measures be implemented with resulting soils to be stored at the Hazelwood Interim Storage Site. As you know, the Department made a proposal to implement such measures in March 1992 but never proceeded due to formal objections raised by locally elected officials.

During the public comment period associated with this proposal, Department representatives met with a wide range of community stakeholders, including potentially impacted property owners and elected municipal and county officials. From the beginning, it was clear that initiating cleanup could alleviate practical difficulties facing property owners who own contaminated property. While acting as advocates for the proposal, the Department also made clear that the proposal was not necessary to mitigate health risks and that it would not be implemented against the objections of locally elected officials. Ultimately, local municipal and county officials did object and the proposal was withdrawn.

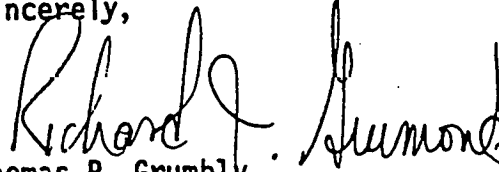
In view of the State's interest, the Department has asked the St. Louis County Hazardous and Radioactive Waste Oversight Commission for its renewed consideration. This commission is comprised of Mayors from the two involved communities, representatives from the St. Louis County Executive's Office, and other stakeholders. The commission was established in part to oversee the Department's cleanup efforts for the St. Louis sites and is a logical forum for reviewing this matter.

Significant resources were put into preparing the Hazelwood site to support cleanup measures in the affected areas. The site is essentially ready to receive additional soil if a consensus of local stakeholders support such activity and program resources can be allocated. Perhaps a renewed focus on this issue by the oversight commission will pave the way for completion of interim cleanup measures in the area.

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Your continuing support for the Department's cleanup proposal is appreciated. In particular, we appreciate your contacting the local officials, such as the Mayors, to gain their support. I believe that through the continued efforts of your agency and the Department, we can obtain the support of local stakeholders.

Sincerely,



Thomas P. Grumbly
Assistant Secretary for Environmental
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INFORMAL NOTE

TO: J. Baublitz, EM-40

FROM: P. Blom, EM-421

SUBJECT: Questions Raised on the David Shorr Response

1. Have we written a letter to the St. Louis County Hazardous and Radioactive Waste Oversight Commission -- Why not attach a copy?

Letters to the Oversight Commission were never written. All correspondence between the field (Dave Adler) and the Commission were telephone conversations requesting that the oversight commission renew its consideration for the near-term cleanup measures with storage at the Hazelwood Interim Storage Site. To date, no reply has been received from the verbal request.

2. What about suggesting that DOE and the State meet together with the Commission to try to reach agreement?

Before this letter was received a meeting between MDNR, the Commission, and Dave Adler was held and this issue was discussed. When MDNR mentioned the near-term cleanup proposal, the Commission (which is comprised of the Mayors) rejected the proposal and moved onto another topic. From the stand point of the Commission this was a dead issue. Currently, with respect to MDNR, DOE is submitting a formal request to the Commission to revisit the near-term proposal.

Should you request more information, please call me on 903-8148.

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Re: FUSRAP St. Louis Site

Dear Mr. Grumbly:

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources is disappointed with the lack of progress on the cleanup of federal weapons production waste which has been placed on private property or other property not owned or controlled by the Department of Energy. In 1992, the Department of Energy proposed to remove contaminated soil from the St. Louis Airport Site and Latty Avenue vicinity properties and transport this material to the Hazelwood Site for interim storage. The Department of Energy did not implement this proposal reportedly due to opposition from the local communities. The Missouri Department of Natural Resources supports the proposal as a temporary storage facility, if detailed design and excavation site selection is 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. 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.

We believe that the Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis-Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Decontamination of Properties in the Vicinity of the Hazelwood Interim Storage Site, Hazelwood, Missouri (March 1992), supports the need for interim



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storage capacity. The Missouri Department of Natural Resources supports implementation of the Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis for those properties that have the support of the landowner or for which removal is necessary to mitigate disturbances or spreading. This removal will be beneficial if the affected community has an opportunity to provide input to the prioritization and selection of removal sites, and if the expanded Hazelwood Interim Storage Site is available, as needs arise, until the final solution is implemented. The underlying assumption for our support is that the Hazelwood Interim Storage Site is not a permanent disposal facility.

The Department of Energy should continue to discuss this proposal with local officials and proceed with implementation, particularly for the most immediate needs of local property owners. Perhaps the concerns of the local communities can be addressed through assurances that the storage is temporary, involvement with selection of excavation sites, and continued review of project design documents as they are developed. I have also contacted the Mayors of Hazelwood and Berkeley to urge their support of the project.

I request that you give this issue your attention. I may be reached at (314) 751-4422.

Very truly yours,

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES



David A. Shorr
Director

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