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Mr. David A. Shorr
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Dear Mr. Shorr:

I have been asked to respond to your recent letter concerning the Department of Energy's (DOE) remedial action program underway at several locations in the St. Louis area. In particular, your letter expressed concerns with DOE's efforts at sites being addressed by the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program.


In your letter, you express concerns that DOE views efforts at these sites as a low priority. I must emphasize that this is not the case. Efforts at the St. Louis Site are being implemented under enforceable requirements and deadlines established by a Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) signed by DOE and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). To date, all milestone requirements established by the FFA have been met or exceeded. DOE has committed to fully funding all requirements established by this FFA. Your letter also calls for the establishment of a full-time staff of DOE personnel in the St. Louis area to oversee progress at the St. Louis Site. Although we recognize the advantages of locally based staff, our total requirements for balancing staff assignments and program responsibilities will not permit it at this time. Over the past 2 years, DOE has located multiple support staff on site to handle a range of site characterization, maintenance, engineering, and public information activities. When the project moves into a more significant level of field activity, we will revise on-site staffing levels appropriately.

Your letter also raises concerns over technical elements of a remedial alternative discussed in a draft document recently submitted for review by EPA and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. I understand that the alternatives being discussed are consistent with the range of alternatives typically evaluated and, where appropriate, implemented for similar sites located around the country. All of these alternatives are being evaluated as part of an ongoing Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study underway for these sites. These efforts have been and will continue to be closely coordinated with your staff and representatives from EPA.

DOE is committed to identifying and implementing a fully protective, cost-effective remedy for environmental problems present at the St. Louis Site.

Thank you for your interest in the DOE's activities at the St. Louis Site. I, along with you, look forward to the day that this site joins the growing list of those for which remedial action is complete. In the meantime, if you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mr. David Adler of DOE's Oak Ridge Field Office (OR) at 615-576-9634.

Sincerely,



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