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Dear Mr. Shorr:

ST. LOUIS AIRPORT SITE - STABILIZATION MEASURES

As requested by your staff, I am transmitting summary information on a stabilization measure proposed for the St Louis Airport site. While I do not believe these measures are necessary to address any imminent health risks, they will serve to reduce the elevated exposure potential posed by a publicly accessible portion of the site. Both Environmental Protection Agency and Missouri Department of Natural Resources representatives have expressed concerns over this portion of the site. In fact, our current proposal to cover this area with clean soil is primarily a response to concerns expressed by your agency and the EPA.

Several points need to be understood regarding this proposal. These include;

- the cover is not intended as a permanent remedy for the underlying soils;
- implementing the proposal will not constrain future long-term alternatives for managing the underlying soils;
- a liner will be placed between the contaminated soil and the imported clean soil;
- if the contaminated soil is ultimately excavated, the imported clean soil can be used as backfill, and as such, would not be "wasted";
- City of St. Louis and Airport authority officials support the proposal; and
- other options for eliminating the exposure hazard presented by this area would cost much more than is available in the current year budget.

Some members of the St. Louis Site Citizens Task Force have questioned the need for this activity. Questions have centered primarily on whether or not current conditions require any near-term response, and whether this activity should be a budget priority given current funding limitations.

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If MDNR doesn't support this proposal, I will not proceed with implementation. Since we are nearing completion of other field activities at the airport site, a quick decision to proceed would avoid the cost inefficiencies associated with demobilization/remobilization under a lengthier decision process. We do have the option of cancelling the project and quickly redirecting these FY 95 funds to other projects in the area.

Thank you in advance for your input on this matter. If there are any related issues you care to discuss, please feel free to contact me at (615) 576-9634.

Sincerely,



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