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To: the St. Louis Radioactive Waste Remediation Task Force  
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I would imagine that everyone who has been contributing time as a Task Force or Working Group member to try to figure out what to do with the North St. Louis City/County radioactive weapons waste knows by now that there may not be a good solution.

Quite probably most Missourians would like to have the wastes shipped out of our state -- to Envirocare in Utah, to the Nevada Test Site, or to anywhere else not in Missouri. That choice is easy.

Any other choice is not easy. But I believe it is unrealistic to expect the federal government to fund the extraordinarily expensive relocation of a million cubic yards of radioactive waste to Utah or Nevada. (The excavation, shipment, and disposal in Utah of 2,000 cu.yds. from six North County residential properties cost two million dollars.)

I believe we should ask the DOE now to initiate the search for a fall-back location -- a site in Missouri -- for interim staging activities and storage or for permanent disposal. Geo-hydrologically and demographically, the Airport Site is not acceptable; every day, as the groundwater flows through the buried wastes and on into Coldwater Creek, the contamination is compounded.

Alternative sites that could be assessed include Weldon Spring and Union Electric's surplus Callaway County land. (Please see my enclosed memo).

Would it not be appropriate for the whole Task Force, not just the Priorities Working Group, to discuss asking the DOE now to identify and evaluate alternative sites in Missouri? Until we do this, the DOE will continue to propose and re-propose and re-propose the Airport/Ballfield Site as its preferred "solution."

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