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Dear Ms. Price:

ST. LOUIS SITE - TASK FORCE EFFORT

On behalf of the Department of Energy, please let me thank you for agreeing to serve as Chair of the St. Louis Site Citizen's Task Force. Your role in this challenging effort is greatly appreciated. I hope that you will let me know if there is anything the Department can do to assist the Task Force's efforts.

As you know, in August 1994 Tom Grumbly requested that the Task Force prepare recommendations to the Department containing its view of the appropriate response to the environmental and public health issues posed by residual radioactivity present at the St. Louis site. Since the Task Force is now getting close to preparing its recommendations, Dave Adler suggested that it might be useful for DOE to provide more specific expectations regarding those recommendations. In my view, it would be most useful if the Task Force's final recommendations could respond to the following questions:

- 1) As viewed by Task Force participants, what are the primary negative impacts associated with contamination present at the multiple properties making up the St. Louis site? In other words, what problems do the Task Force believe need to be addressed by future restoration and control measures?
- 2) What overall strategy does the Task Force propose to mitigate these problems? This should include which portions of the site should be managed through removal and relocation of contaminated media. Where should any removed contaminated media be relocated to? Which portions, if any, of the site could be dealt with employing strategies based upon "in-place" management practices such as site access and use restrictions, monitoring, and institutional controls?
- 3) Which recommended activities should receive highest funding priority?
- 4) What is the estimated cost for implementing the Task Force's recommendations, and in what timeframe does the Task Force believe recommendations can be implemented?

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Our requirements for the ultimate remedy at the St. Louis site are fairly straightforward; the remedy must prevent human and environmental exposures from exceeding accepted criteria, the remedy must be implementable, and the remedy must comply with all legally applicable State and Federal regulations. Given current fiscal pressures on all federal activities, there will be a strong preference for remedies that present a cost-effective approach to accomplishing these objectives.

Thank you again for your willingness to be a leader in this effort. We look forward to working with the Task Force toward the common goal of identifying and implementing sound control measures at the St. Louis site.

Sincerely,



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