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June 13, 1996

The Honorable Mel Carnahan State Capital Building P. O. Box 720 Jefferson City, Missouri 63102

Dear Governor Carnahan:

St. Louis has the unfortunate distinction of being home to the largest Formerly Utilized Sites Remediation Action Program (FUSRAP) site in the country. In August 1994, the U. S. Department of Energy Undersecretary Tom Grumbly, then Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management, challenged the St. Louis region to define a course of action for the clean-up of the St. Louis FUSRAP site.

Subsequently, over the past two years, the St. Louis community and Missouri's Department of Natural Resources have collaborated with the Department of Energy to pursue a viable clean-up solution. While we have been and continue to work with the Department of Energy in good faith, we are disappointed in the Department of Energy's lack of commitment to remediating the sites to greenfield standards and removing this health hazard. The Department of Energy has gone through the motions as specified by the law, but has failed to assist the community in identifying and developing an approach that meets the region's goal for a greenfield clean-up within the federal budget guidelines.

Doing nothing is totally unacceptable to Missourians. As government officials ourselves, we recognize the difficulty in balancing restoration of the environment with tightening budgets. This, however, is a health and safety issue. The risk factors associated with the radioactive material are further elevated by their presence in a highly populated metropolitan area.

Doing nothing also has long-term, negative economic consequences. If this prime real estate is not remediated to greenfield standards, opportunities to expand our industrial base and create jobs will be limited. This is of vital importance given that St. Louis is transitioning from a defense-dependent economy to a more diverse economic base.

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For the Carnahan Administration, remediation of this site would serve as a lasting testament to the Administration's commitment to the environment and the St. Louis community. If we can be of assistance to you or your staff in securing federal funds to initiate the immediate clean-up of St. Louis, let us know how we can best help. Through our joint efforts, we will assure the continued growth and quality of life for all Missourians.

Sincerely,

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