

St. Louis Site Remediation Task Force

June 26, 1996

Hazel R. O'Leary
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary O'Leary:

The enclosed resolution was adopted at the June meeting of the St. Louis Site Remediation Task Force. It is intended to provide advance notice that remediation of the contaminated sites in St. Louis will require substantially greater funding than has been made available in FY '96, and to request increased funding allocations beginning in FY '97.

The Department of Energy is due to receive the Task Force's final report this Fall. It is the group's desire that appropriate funding be in place in order to expedite full implementation of their recommendations at that time.

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Sally Price
Chair

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS radioactive wastes from the production of nuclear weapons by the federal government exist on many sites in the St. Louis area, which include, but are not limited to, the St. Louis Airport Site, Hazelwood Interim Storage Site, St. Louis Downtown Site, and many others throughout our community;

WHEREAS these wastes are not controlled and continue to impact upon public health, the environment, and the economic growth in the St. Louis area;

WHEREAS these wastes are situated on private properties not under the ownership and control of the U.S. Department of Energy;

WHEREAS the U.S. Department of Energy is the federal agency which has the primary responsibility to address the remediation of these sites;

WHEREAS the U.S. Department of Energy responsibly withdrew its proposed plan addressing these areas primarily due to the lack of consensus and support of the community;

WHEREAS the current FUSRAP budget allocation has not yet been adequate to allow for the planning and implementation and complete remediation of the wastes at major sites, such as the St. Louis Airport Site;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the U.S. Department of Energy should secure the appropriate funding to implement fully the remediation of these sites in accordance with the St. Louis Site Remediation Task Force goals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these funds should be made available beginning in federal fiscal year 1997 and continuing until final remediation is complete. These funds should establish a local U.S. Department of Energy field office, initiate remedial action at the St. Louis Airport Site, and continue current activities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is being submitted in support of the U.S. Department of Energy's efforts to expedite cleanup of the DOE complex in the next 10 years, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent immediately to U.S. Department of Energy Secretary Hazel R. O'Leary, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Carol M. Browner, the Missouri Congressional delegation, Missouri Governor Mel Carnahan, Missouri Department of Natural Resources Director David Shorr, the St. Louis County Executive, and the Mayor of the City of St. Louis.

Approved June 18, 1996

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