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St. Louis Site Office
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Dear St. Louis Stakeholder:


In May of this year, senior staff from the EPA, the State of Missouri, St. Louis City and County, and the Department of Energy met to workout agreements that will accelerate the cleanup of the radioactive waste sites in the St. Louis area. Based upon recommendations made by the St. Louis Remediation Task Force, a commitment was made to demonstrate a high priority for the St. Louis Airport Site (SLAPS) by beginning work this year. Of course, any decision to move forward with cleanup at the airport site must include input from the public.

To facilitate public input, an Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) which discusses the proposed action has been prepared. This document is available for review at the four locations indicated on the enclosure. A copy will be sent to you if requested. The basic proposal is to excavate contaminated material from the western end of SLAPS, nearest Coldwater Creek, and along McDonnell Boulevard. This document also proposes the construction of a "load-out facility" that will enhance our ability to transport excavated materials out-of-state and achieve the capacity needed to load and ship materials for future full-scale excavation of the site.

The EE/CA includes two alternatives to the basic proposal described above. One alternative would remove all material from the western end of SLAPS and from ditches south of McDonnell Boulevard to an unrestricted use standard and haul it out-of-state for disposal. The other would remove the same material to an unrestricted use standard, stockpile lesser contaminated material, expand the excavation activities to include the ditches north of McDonnell Boulevard and transport and disposal of more highly contaminated materials out of state.

It is my belief that either of the above two alternatives will result in a significant step forward in the cleanup of the SLAPS site. The public comment period is July 30, 1997 through August 28, 1997. A public meeting will be held on August 13, 1997 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Hazelwood Civic Center, 8969 Dunn Road, Hazelwood, MO 63042. We look forward to your participation and input.

Sincerely,


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