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Ms. Rebecca C. Steward
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City of St. Louis
Room 314 - City Hall
St. Louis, Missouri 63103

Dear Ms. Steward:

**ST. LOUIS SITE - TRANSFER OF PROPERTY MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY TO CITY OF
ST. LOUIS**

Thank you for taking time to meet and discuss the status of the Department of Energy's (DOE) environmental restoration activities in the St. Louis area. This letter is intended to serve as a record of that discussion and to propose follow-on activities.

As we discussed, the DOE has been studying City-owned property north of the St. Louis Airport for possible use as a disposal facility for locally generated contaminated waste soils and rubble. This location is one of several being considered for disposal of wastes generated by planned cleanup efforts in both the area of the St. Louis Airport and the Mallinckrodt Chemical Works in downtown St. Louis.

In the Energy Development and Water Act of 1985, the DOE was directed by Congress to coordinate with the City of St. Louis to acquire the St. Louis Airport Site for consolidation of wastes from local cleanup activities. Subsequent to this Congressional direction, the St. Louis Airport Site and associated properties were placed onto the National Priorities List by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. Under existing regulations this requires completion of various studies, including evaluation of multiple cleanup options, for these contaminated properties. The DOE is the lead agency for implementing this process. Ultimately, DOE and EPA are responsible for selecting and agreeing to a preferred option for implementation. At this time, a preferred remedy has not been selected.

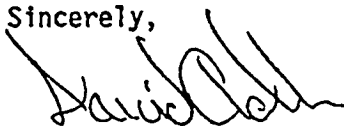
If the City-owned property is selected for management of the St. Louis area cleanup wastes, DOE hopes that the City will willingly transfer ownership of the property to DOE for such use. In return, the Department would assume all potential City cost liabilities for cleanup of the property. If, however, an off-site remedy is selected for contamination present on these properties, DOE may seek recovery from the City for costs incurred for cleanup.

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Over the last few years, DOE has implemented modest property management activities at the City-owned property while conducting onsite studies. These studies are now essentially complete, and DOE intends to demobilize from the site by July of 1993. Sometime before that date, the City may wish develop a plan for this property to address fence maintenance, site access and similar property management activities.

As we discussed, I'd be pleased to give you a tour of these properties whenever convenient. In addition, I would be willing to coordinate with the City to set up the City's program for near-term maintenance of the property. I look forward to working with you and the City of St. Louis towards implementation of a final remedy for these sites. Please feel free to contact me at (615)-576-9634 if you have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,



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