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The Honorable Jim Talent U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515-2502

Dear Congressman Talent:

This is in response to your February 21, 1995, letter regarding the commercial property owned by Mr. Dean Jarboe at 9200 Latty Avenue in Hazelwood, Missouri. You requested the Department of Energy consider purchasing this property. While we are sympathetic to Mr. Jarboe's situation and may eventually seek to acquire his property, we cannot do so at this time for the reasons described below.

The Department is engaged in an ambitious public participation process under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act to identify appropriate permanent control measures for a large number of contaminated private properties in the St. Louis area. Most of these properties contain relatively small quantities of contaminated soil, and will probably be most easily addressed by relocating soil to another location. Where very large quantities of contaminated soils are present, however, one possible option would be to purchase, stabilize, and perpetually monitor the on-site soils. If the remedy identification process currently underway results in a decision to manage some properties by acquisition and in-situ stabilization, the Department will provide property owners with appropriate compensation for their land.

Thank you for your continued interest and support of our remediation efforts in the St. Louis area.

If you have further questions, please contact me, or have a member of your staff contact Anita Gonzales, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, at (202) 586-1750.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Grumbly

Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management

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