

*St. Louis Site Remediation Task Force*

**A G E N D A**

Meeting of May 9, 1995  
Hazelwood Civic Center

1. Welcome, Opening Comments, Announcements
2. Minutes of the last meeting--corrections/approval
3. Public comment (10 minutes)
4. Working Groups progress reports:
  - Alternative Sites working group
  - Mallinckrodt Proposal working group
  - Health Risk/Clean-up Standards working group
  - Priorities working group
5. Report on National Stakeholder Conference
6. Technical Resource Presentation:
  - National Center of Environmental Information  
& Technology (NCEIT)
7. Status of MDNR request for alternative funding
8. DOE FY95 budget and program update--David Adler
9. Soil washing technology update
10. Identify work that needs to be done between now and the next meeting
11. Prepare agenda for next meeting (June 13, 1995)

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April 18, 1995

Attendees

David Adler  
 Kay Drey  
 Gerry Palau  
 Anna Ginsburg  
 Thomas Horgan  
 Jean Leadbetter  
 Sally Price  
 Dan Tschirgi  
 Jan Titus  
 Ken Grothoff  
 Bob Atkin

Mayor Dave Farquharson  
 Miranda Duncan  
 Jack Frauenhoffer  
 Col. Len Griggs  
 Paul Kos  
 Doug Mendoza  
 Conn Roden  
 Tom Binz  
 Linda Meyer  
 Laurie Peterfreund  
 David Roggy

Dr. Wayne Black  
 Jim Dwyer  
 Jim Grant  
 Robert Geller  
 Eileen O'Connor  
 David Miller  
 Bradley T. Brown  
 Donovan Larson  
 Bob Shelton  
 Jean Dean  
 George Eberle

Agenda Item/  
 Subject Discussed

*Welcome,  
 Opening Comments,  
 Announcements,  
 Approval of Minutes*

*Public Comment*

*Working Groups  
 Progress Reports*

*Priorities*

*Health Risk/  
 Cleanup Standards*

Minutes

Anna Ginsburg welcomed participants to the meeting. She offered congratulations to Jean Montgomery on being elected Mayor of the City of Berkeley. There were no other opening comments. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written.

There were no public comments.

Bob Shelton reported for the Priorities Working Group. The members of the Group were identified. Mr. Shelton advised that the current focus of the Group is to develop guidelines and strategies to be used to identify local cleanup priorities. Minutes of the meetings held March 8, 22, and April 5 were distributed. The group meets at 9:30 a.m. each Wednesday at Berkeley City Hall. An interim report will be presented to the Task Force at its May meeting.

Jim Grant reported for the Health Risk/Cleanup Standards group. David Adler participated in a recent meeting at which he explained the DOE standards and how they were developed. After considering this information the Group concluded that these standards are appropriate for the St. Louis Site. See attached report for details.

Determination

Minutes approved as written.

Interim Report due May 9, 1995.

**Agenda Item/  
Subject Discussed**

**Minutes**

**Determination**

*Mallinckrodt  
Proposal*

Work has begun at the downtown site (SLDS) stripping buildings to prepare them for demolition. Once the buildings are down, DOE's contractors will conduct a field study to plan surface cleanup. All radiologically contaminated waste will be containerized for shipment to Envirocare. They will also remove asbestos at the same time.

*Alternative Sites*

Sally Price and Jack Frauenhoffer reported to the Task Force on the progress of the Alternative Sites Working Group. Members of the group were introduced. A draft report and exhibits were provided to Task Force members. Ten potential disposal sites have been identified by the Group and ranked using the criteria established by the Task Force. Ms. Price and Mr. Frauenhoffer explained that the Group developed assumptions and definitions which were used to evaluate each potential alternative disposal site. Envirocare emerged as the most favored site. However, it was acknowledged that it may not be the most feasible when other factors are considered, such as budget constraints, etc. It was explained that the Group was not able to reach consensus on two issues, which are identified on Page 1 of the "Raw Rating" matrix. Detailed presentations on those issues will be made to the Task Force once all comments and questions have been received.

**The Task Force was asked to review the draft report and to forward comments and questions to Jim Dwyer.**

Jim Dwyer emphasized that this is a **draft report**, and is only one component of an overall cleanup and disposal plan. This information will be integrated with other recommendations, such as that developed by the Priorities Group, evaluated and adjusted as determined by the Task Force.

Kay Drey requested that her response to a letter from Union Electric concerning the suitability of its excess property in Callaway County as a disposal site be attached to the minutes of this meeting for distribution to Task Force members.

David Adler will review the report of this Working Group and will compare the findings to the

<u>Agenda Item/ Subject Discussed</u>	<u>Minutes</u>	<u>Determination</u>
<i>Soil Washing</i>	DOE's values and objectives, and will comment at the next meeting. He indicated the DOE considers cost as a key factor.	
<i>Status of National Stakeholders' Meeting</i>	David Adler reported that the soil washing technique is still in the lab-test stage. He advised that it looks promising technologically, but may be cost prohibitive currently. Cost will probably decrease as the technique is refined. He offered to arrange for the Task Force to send a small representative group to observe the research process in Clemson, South Carolina. Interested parties are to advise Mr. Dwyer.	
<i>MDNR Alternative Funding</i>	Invitations have been issued to Task Force participants on David Adler's recommendation, including the County Executive, Mayor of the City of St. Louis, Chair of the Task Force, and several others. Designees may be sent in place of the invitees. The summit is set for May 2 and 3 in Washington DC. Jim Dwyer urged that anyone who receives an invitation but cannot attend contact him immediately to arrange a substitute.	
<i>Task Force Schedule</i>	David Adler reported that DOE has received MDNR's request for a 2.4 million dollar grant over the next five years, and feels there is a possibility that may be viewed favorably. He said a quicker, short-term response to immediate needs may be to provide a modest amount of funding to the State from DOE to sustain their participation on the Task Force, as less review would be required for approval. There was discussion concerning the existence of full-time DOE staff at other locations, but not at St. Louis. MDNR would need a letter of assurance of funding to continue its participation.	
	The question was raised when the Task Force would be ready to make a recommendation to DOE, if no hitches occur in the current schedule. Jim Dwyer indicated a target date of November, 1995. He believes the Task Force will have formulated a draft recommendation(s) by August or September, with time for public comment and adjustment, and can have a final recommendation ready for presentation to DOE by the November meeting.	

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<i>DOE FY95 Budget Update</i>	Mr. Adler advised that funding rescissions talked about in Congress have not materialized, but are still a possibility. He reported on plans for the remainder of the fiscal year and advised that DOE, the St. Louis Airport Authority and the Mayor of St. Louis have agreed on an interim measure to control radiation and erosion on a portion of the SLAPS site. Budget constraints this year will only allow covering of a particular "hot" area. DOE will monitor the site after the interim work has been completed. Kay Drey voiced concern that covering the contaminated material with clean dirt will only increase the volume of contaminated material and she urged removal instead. David Adler indicated other options may be technically feasible but are currently not fiscally feasible. If the covering is not done, current erosion will continue, spreading contamination farther. Kay Drey again voiced serious objection to covering rather than removing contamination. There was a motion and second to proceed with the proposal as described by Mr. Adler, but no vote was taken because of quorum concerns. Instead, it was agreed by those present that the Priorities Working Group will review this project before work proceeds.	
<i>Work to be Done for Next Meeting</i>	The Priorities Working Group will meet as required and will report at the next Task Force meeting.  Dan Tschirgi suggested the Task Force prepare a list of accomplishments and proposals of the Task Force for use at the National Stakeholders' Conference.	
<i>Prepare Agenda, Adjournment</i>	The next Task Force meeting will be Tuesday, May 9, 1995, at 7:30 a.m. at the Hazelwood Civic Center. The Agenda for that meeting is attached to these minutes. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.	Next Meeting is May 9, 1995.

Transcribed by J. Leadbetter  
April 19, 1995

A DRAFT --

March 22, 1995

To: the St. Louis City/County Radioactive Waste Task Force

From: Kay Drey

The enclosed memo was prepared for the Alternate Sites Working Group of the Task Force, but I have decided to send it to all Task Force members at this time.

I believe virtually all Missourians would like to have the nuclear weapons wastes, now dispersed here in St. Louis, shipped out of our state -- to Envirocare in Utah, to the Nevada Test Site, or to anywhere else not in Missouri. That choice is easy.

But in case the Department of Energy (or a successor agency) were to decide against funding such a massive relocation of a million cubic yards and/or the public in Utah or Nevada or one of the states in between were finally to rebel, I believe St. Louis must have a realistic fallback location.

The alternative of having no fallback could mean another 50 years or more of the same continuing dispersal of contamination onto vicinity properties and into Coldwater Creek, the Mississippi and Missouri rivers, and the air.

The public voted overwhelmingly in November 1990 against having the St. Louis County and Downtown Mallinckrodt weapons wastes consolidated at an 82-acre bunker at the St. Louis Airport Site (SLAPS). Over 85% of the County voters and over 80% of the City voters said NO in a non-binding referendum. The St. Louis electorate has expressed its will emphatically about SLAPS.

I hope the Task Force will vote to send the wastes out to Utah or Nevada, but I also hope we will vote on a fallback location. The Task Force can and should ask the DOE to begin evaluating a real (not generic), feasible alternative site within Missouri. And I hope we will vote to ask them to start as soon as possible to begin specifically to evaluate Union Electric's 6500 surplus Callaway County acres. Because of the reasons I have outlined in the enclosed memo, it may well be our best and most reasonable hope.

Our Task Force has been mandated to find a viable alternative to SLAPS. The Missouri Public Service Commission gave Union Electric permission to build the Callaway nuclear power plant. Because the Callaway County people have been profiting from the resulting vastly enhanced tax base for the past twenty years, do they not have a moral obligation to assume some of the burdens that nuclear technology inevitably carries with it?

p.s. Two additional sites in Missouri that are also already contaminated with radioactive waste are the Weldon Spring Site and the ABB Combustion Engineering plant in Hematite (about 30 miles south of St. Louis, in Jefferson County. Built by Mallinckrodt in 1957, it is the oldest commercial uranium fuel fabrication plant in the U.S.).

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