

## MINUTES

St. Louis Site Remediation Task Force  
Priorities Working Group

June 12, 1996 Meeting

Berkeley City Hall  
Berkeley, Missouri

APPROVED

Participants Attending

Kay Drey  
 George Eberle, Grace Hill  
 Doug Eller, Grace Hill  
 Jack Frauenhoffer, Mallinckrodt  
 Bob Geller, MDNR  
 Tom Manning, City of Hazelwood  
 Sally Price, Chair  
 Josh Richardson, City of Berkeley  
 Mitch Scherzinger, MDNR  
 Dan Titus, Lambert Airport

Support

Jim Dwyer, Facilitator  
 Wayne Johnson, Bechtel  
 Sarah Snyder, Bechtel

Agenda ItemMinutesDetermination*Call to Order*

Jim Dwyer called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. and advised the group that he had an unavoidable scheduling conflict and would have to leave the meeting shortly.

*Riverfront Trail  
Characterization*

Mr. Dwyer then asked Wayne Johnson to report on the status of the Riverfront Trail characterization. Mr. Johnson said that the recent rain had delayed completion of characterization efforts. However, based on the data gathered so far, he said it appears that the contamination was not redistributed by the flooding in the last few years.

He said that 50 percent of the test results have been returned from the lab and that

about 20 percent of those indicate the presence of contamination above the cleanup guidelines. Mr. Johnson said that there is an estimated 2000 to 2500 cubic yards of contaminated material in the Riverfront Trail area. Most of the contamination is near the surface, with the deepest contamination detected at approximately 5 feet below surface.

Based on cost estimates of \$1000 cubic yard, excavating all that material for remote disposal would cost about \$2 million to \$2.5 million. To consolidate all that soil in a pile, would cost about \$700 a cubic yard or \$1.7 million. Both approaches would cost more than the uncommitted money in the FY '96 budget, he said.

Mr. Johnson said he anticipated receiving the remainder of the test results within a week and that he would be able to present more detailed options by the end of June.

Doug Eller said he would provide a critical path timeline for development of the Riverfront Trail to Bechtel/DOE by June 18. Mr. Johnson said he would have options developed for the working group to consider by June 26.

Tom Manning then moved that the Priorities Working Group recommend that DOE use the remaining funds in the FY '96 budget for continuing cleanup of the vicinity properties along the haul routes. Then, as additional funds from DOE's management reserves become available, that the Riverfront Trail remediation commence.

Sally Price suggested that the motion should include some mention of enhanced monitoring at SLAPS and Coldwater Creek. She said responding to the needs of the

utilities is a policy matter for DOE to discuss with the utilities. She said she would like to see enhanced monitoring and maintenance work at the airport site proceed this fiscal year.

The motion passed unanimously.

Bob Geller said that some of the activities initially proposed for FY '96 and FY '97, such as exploring a new in-state disposal site, will not require any funding in FY '97. He suggested that the working group consider whether it should recommend reallocating that money.

After some discussion, the working group decided not to take action on amending FY '97 priorities at present.

Kay Drey then offered a resolution for consideration (ATTACHMENT A). She said she believes that the Task Force needs to address the airport site (SLAPS) as its highest priority. Ms. Drey said she wanted to act now to take advantage of critical timing, because DOE is now beginning to develop allocations for FY '97 funding. (The fiscal year begins October 1.)

She moved that the Priorities Working Group support the motion and recommend it to the entire Task Force.

Tom Manning seconded the motion.

Mr. Geller inquired whether the resolution could be amended to somehow address that it is the first step in an overall cleanup of the St. Louis Site. He pointed out that the Task Force has not yet developed a final remedy for the site.

Ms. Drey said she would accept that as a

friendly amendment. She suggested that the working group revise the resolution at the meeting.

Mr. Manning said the resolution should embrace all the contaminated sites, and not just SLAPS. He said he sees the resolution as a way to put DOE on notice that the Task Force anticipates the need for additional funding, starting in FY '97.

The working group spent a considerable amount of time reworking the resolution. The amended resolution was approved and will be presented to the Task Force at its June 18 meeting. (ATTACHMENT B)

The meeting adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

The next meeting of the Priorities Working Group is scheduled for June 26, 1996.

Approved September 16, 1996

Original

Reg's motion

Attachment A

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WHEREAS radioactive wastes from the production of nuclear weapons were deposited at the 22-acre St. Louis Airport Site (SLAPS) from 1946-1957; and

WHEREAS the wastes are continuing to erode offsite into the adjacent Collwaters Creek and into the air; and

WHEREAS the longer this primary source of contamination remains in North St. Louis County, the greater will be the area and volume of wastes ultimately requiring cleanup; and the greater will be the threat to the economic health and growth of the North County region;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the St. Louis Site Remediation Task Force recommends that a field office be established in St. Louis at this time to design, develop and coordinate the exhumation of all St. Louis Airport Site soils that contain uranium, thorium and daughter-product wastes in levels exceeding the DOE cleanup standards required for the unrestricted use of this land; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That ~~the contaminated soils~~ ~~be shipped offsite for disposal~~ Collwaters Creek and the neighboring sites contaminating the creek then also be cleaned up; and

BE IT

FURTHER RESOLVED That these contaminated soils

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be shipped away from Metropolitan St. Louis  
for disposal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a copy of this resolution  
be sent immediately to Energy Secretary Hazel  
O'Leary, Missouri Governor Mel Carnahan, and  
Missouri Natural Resources Director David Shorr.

Missouri Congressional delegation;

DRAFT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

14 WHEREAS the overall FUSRAP budget allocations for fiscal years 1996 and  
15 1997 were established without the benefit of community stakeholder involvement;

16 WHEREAS the current FUSRAP budget allocation prevents the planning and  
17 implementation of the exhumation of the wastes at major sites, such as St. Louis  
18 Airport Site;

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

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

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

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent  
10 immediately to U.S. Department of Energy Secretary Hazel R. O'Leary, U.S.  
11 Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Carol M. Browner, the Missouri  
12 Congressional delegation, Missouri Governor Mel Carnahan, and Missouri  
13 Department of Natural Resources Director David Shorr.  
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Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP)

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# ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD

for the St. Louis Site, Missouri

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