



The Under Secretary of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

September 23, 1996

The Honorable Freeman Bosley, Jr.
Mayor of St. Louis
200 City Hall
1200 Market Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63103

Dear Mayor Bosley:

Knowing of your interest in the radioactively-contaminated formerly used defense sites in the St. Louis area, I am pleased to report that we are on the verge of resolving a 50-year Cold War legacy. It is important that all parties cooperate to seize this opportunity to continue progress towards a workable agreement on a cleanup plan.

Thanks in large part to the hard work of the St. Louis Remediation Task Force, which has served as a forum for community dialogue, I am confident that we can soon begin large-scale cleanup to protect public health and the environment at these sites. I will meet with the Task Force as soon as it is mutually convenient. I agree that this will provide a vital opportunity to receive and discuss the Task Force's final report.

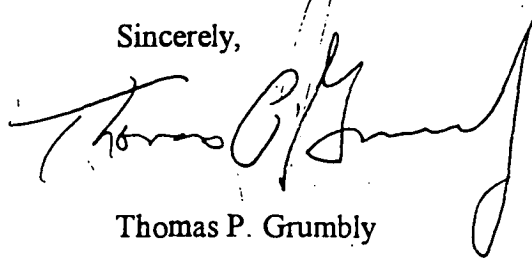
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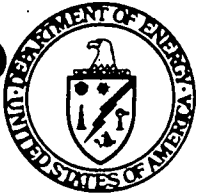
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If you have further questions, please contact me or have a member of your staff contact Mr. Dirk Forrister, Assistant Secretary for Congressional, Public, and Intergovernmental Affairs, at (202) 586-5506.

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The Honorable Mel Carnahan
Governor of Missouri
216 State Capitol
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

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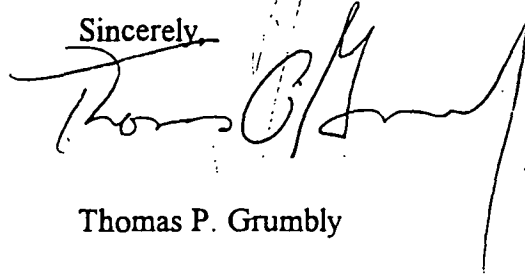
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The Honorable Buzz Westfall
County Executive
41 South Central Avenue
Clayton, Missouri 63105

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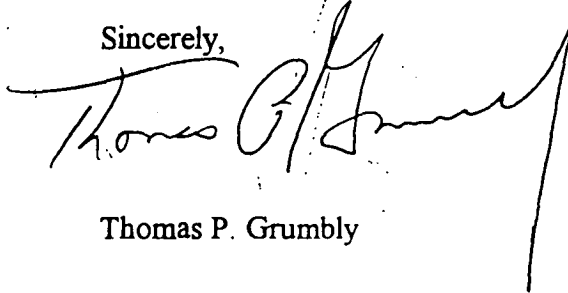
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