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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

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Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program

SUBJECT: St. Louis Airport Site (SLAPS) Phase 1 Work Description, Revision B,  
Response to Comments

Ms. Jill Groboski  
Federal Facilities Section  
Missouri Department of Natural Resources  
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Dear Ms. Groboski:

In your letter dated May 10, 2001 referencing the subject Work Description (WD), you recommend that the WD "be modified to reflect that independent oversight will be provided in the final status survey, design sampling and assessment." The United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) reviewed the WD to confirm that the sample collection procedures, as outlined in the Final Status Survey (FSS) Walkover and Sampling Collection Protocol dated November 5, 1998, were correctly stated. This protocol consists of the FSS survey contractor (SAIC) performing a walkover survey and sampling only areas with elevated radioactivity (i.e. hot spots). SAIC then develops a FSS design, which USACE reviews and provides to the Remedial Action (RA) Contractor (Stone and Webster). This design consists of sample numbers, grid spacing and sample locations from which the systematic FSS samples are to be obtained. Stone and Webster then collects these systematic samples with independent oversight provided by USACE or a contractor other than Stone and Webster. The independent oversight ensures that samples are taken at the provided locations using proper sampling procedures. After the sample collection by Stone and Webster, SAIC performs the analysis of the samples and provides the results to USACE. In summary, throughout the entire FSS process, independent oversight is provided in the FSS, design sampling and assessment. Based upon this protocol, the statement, "Stone and Webster will collect final status samples according to a sampling grid provided by the USACE" is correct and no changes will be made to the referenced document.

The second comment was to "Modify Table 3-2" to include a row for "Phase 1 Final Status Survey Design". Table 3-2 is intended to reflect the definable feature of work, subject to the USACE three phase Quality Control inspection system, performed by Stone and Webster. For this WD, those features are excavation, backfill and

restoration. FSS sampling efforts are a portion of the excavation feature and therefore not included in Table 3-2.

A copy of this letter has been furnished to Mr. Daniel Wall of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Please feel free to contact Mr. Lou Dell'Orco at (314) 260-3932 should you need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sharon R. Cotner".

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