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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Mr. Jerry Brabander, Field Supervisor
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Dear Mr. Brabander:

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is in the process of proposing a program for the management and clean-up of radioactive contamination on a set of properties, collectively referred to as the St. Louis Site, located in St. Louis, Missouri. The effort is part of DOE's Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP). The FUSRAP was initiated by the U.S. Congress in 1974 to identify and remedy, or otherwise control sites where low-level radioactive contamination remains from activities performed during the early years of the nation's atomic energy program. In most instances, these contaminated sites supported nuclear projects that were conducted under the auspices of the Manhattan Engineer District (MED) and Atomic Energy commission (AEC).

The planning and documentation of DOE's proposed activities at the St. Louis Site is being conducted according to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The combination of these two acts requires DOE to prepare a Feasibility Study-Environmental Impact Statement (FS-EIS), that will evaluate a range of remediation alternatives.

Currently, the FS-EIS is being drafted and you are being contacted in the hope that you can provide information regarding the baseline environmental conditions in the vicinity of the St. Louis Site. We need to describe the local aquatic and terrestrial flora and fauna, existing ecosystems, and the range and habitats of the ecosystem inhabitants. In addition, any information that you could provide with regard to nearby wetland areas (National Wetland Inventory Maps would be helpful), or threatened, rare, and endangered species in the vicinity of the Site would be appreciated. In approximately one week, a representative of the Science Application International Corporation (SAIC), a consultant to DOE, will be contacting you to coordinate this exchange of information. Your input will be critical to the identification of the issues which need to be addressed in the FS-EIS. Moreover, your contribution will play a major role in the development and final selection of the appropriate remediation program.

A brief description is provided below of each of the three major properties that comprise the St. Louis site, and an index map is attached.

The St. Louis Downtown Site (SLDS) is located in an industrial area of St. Louis, Missouri. It is on the eastern border of the city, about 200 feet west of the Mississippi River. The site is bordered on the south by Angelroot Street, on the west by Broadway Avenue, and on the north by McKinley Bridge. The site encompasses nearly 45 acres and is presently owned and operated by Mallinckrodt, Inc., which was formerly the Mallinckrodt Chemical Works. The site contains many buildings and other facilities involved on the ongoing production of various chemical products.

The St. Louis Airport Site (SLAPS) is a 21.7-acre site located in St. Louis County, Missouri, approximately 15 miles from downtown St. Louis. SLAPS lies immediately north of the Lambert-St. Louis International Airport. It is bounded by the Norfolk and Western Railroad and Banshee road on the south, Coldwater Creek on the west, and McDonnell Boulevard and adjacent recreational fields on the north and east. More than two-thirds of the land within one-half mile of the site is used for transportation-related purposes.

The Latty Avenue Properties consist of the Hazelwood Interim Storage Site (HISS), the Futura Coatings site, and six vicinity properties. The HISS and Futura coatings sites are located in northern St. Louis County within the city limits of Hazelwood, Missouri, at 9200 Latty Avenue. The property at 9200 Latty Avenue lies two miles northeast of the control tower of the Lambert-St. Louis International Airport. The property is owned by Jarboe Realty and Investment Company and leased to Futura Coatings, Inc. Some of the vicinity properties are located within the corporate limits of Berkeley. The Latty Avenue properties lie approximately 0.5 miles northeast of (SLAPS). Land use in the vicinity of the site is predominantly industrial. The closest residential areas to the site are approximately 0.3 miles to the east in the town of Hazelwood.

Should you have any questions concerning the proposed action, or require further information, please contact Dave Adler at (615) 576-9634, or call Tom Gangwer at (615) 481-8552.

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



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for the St. Louis Site, Missouri



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