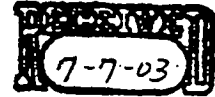


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July 1, 2003

St. Louis District Corps of Engineers
FUSRAP Project Office
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Attention: Ms. Sharon Cotner
FUSRAP Program Manager

Dear Ms. Cotner,

This letter is in response to your April 30th letter requesting public comment on the clean-up of the contamination on what is identified as the North County Site under the FUSRAP program you administer. The Trustees strongly support the clean-up program.

However, the Trustees are both shocked and very upset to learn the North County Site DOES NOT include the West Lake landfill, a Superfund Site. All parties familiar with West Lake know the source of its contamination is the same source as for the North County Site.

Even more shocking is the fact the EPA still has responsibility for the West Lake Site. They have done absolutely nothing for 15 years or more to remove the contamination from West Lake. Apparently the EPA has no regard for the health and safety of the community in very close proximity to the Superfund Site. This total disregard needs to be corrected – and very soon.

The Earth City Business Community, of which the Earth City Business Park is a major part, has approximately 500 businesses, employing over 25,000 people. The real estate value alone is over \$1 billion. Add to this the nearby residential community and the affected area is very large.

What do the business owner's want? The answer is the removal of the contamination at the West Lake landfill within the next couple of years. If the EPA can't or will not do it, then the Corps should request jurisdiction over West Lake and immediately proceed with a 100% clean-up effort. To do nothing is to risk the health and safety of the surrounding community – and this is not acceptable.

Please advise what steps can be taken to get the Corps involved in the clean-up of West Lake. Said another way – how did the Corps obtain responsibility for the North County Site?

The Trustees will await your response. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Steve W. Schulte".

Steve W. Schulte
Chairman
Earth City Board of Trustees
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