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**December 23, 1998** 

Ms. Sharon Cotner, Project Manager Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Project Department of the Army St. Louis District, Corps of Engineers 9170 Latty Avenue Berkeley, MO 63134

RE: Draft FUSRAP Community Relations Plan St. Louis Sites – Rev. 1

Dear Ms. Cotner:

The Federal Facilities Section supplied our initial comments on the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) Draft FUSRAP community relations plan for the St. Louis sites in a letter dated November 24, 1998. Federal Facilities Section is again stating that comment and including some additional comments. The following statement is found on page 2-7, "Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), A state agency with responsibility delegated by the St. Louis District USACE through a Cooperative Agreement to evaluate proposals, recommendations, and plans in accordance with state or federal laws, regulations, policies, and guidance. MDNR is a supporting government agency for the Missouri FUSRAP sites. MDNR's participation ensures Missouri citizens that compliance requirements and schedules are achieved and remedial activities are of a high quality standard."

The above statement is incorrect and should be re-worded to the following: "Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), the designated state agency whose responsibilities are to evaluate proposals, recommendations, and plans submitted by USACE in accordance with state or federal laws, regulations, policies and guidance. MDNR is also providing independent field oversight of remedial activities carried out at Missouri FUSRAP sites. MDNR's participation ensures Missouri citizens that compliance requirements and schedules are achieved and remedial activities are of a high quality standard."

Rage 1-2 says "the results of these interviews are provided in Section 5.0". Section does list a chronology of community concerns starting in 1981 to present. Bur actual results or a summary of the results of the interviews are not presented in Section 5.0. The report does list two concerns raised during the interview (Section 5.2.1). The plan should provide a summary of the results to better understand some of the concerns of the people, as well as some of the background so the people interviewed.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) may also want to include information on the socio-economic makeup of the area surrounding the FUSRAP St. Louis sites. This type of information can be obtained relatively easily from either census data or other types of public information available either on a city or state level. Including this type of information in this plan will demonstrate that the USACE is aware of the composition of the community around the FUSRAP St. Louis sites.

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Page numbers should be added to the documents found within the appendix to improve the use of this document. This comment is directed to the articles, fact sheets and newsletters found in the appendix Sections H and I.

The community relations plan is scheduled to be published in January. MDNR is requesting to receive copies of the final version of this document before release to the public. If you have any questions, or need further information, you may contact Mr. Scott Honig of my staff at (573) 751-3087.

Sincerely,

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