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REPLY TO ATTENTION OF:

September 23, 1998

Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program Project Office

Ms. Sally Price St. Louis Oversight Committee 16736 Newbury Crossing Florissant, Missouri 63034

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Coldwater Creek Sample Results (Sept. 1997)

		Sample						Water		
Sample	Location	Depth	Th-230	U-238	Ra-226	Ra-228	Sum of	Depth	Location	Sample
ID	ID	(ft)	pCi/g	pCi/g	pCi/g	pCi/g	Ratios	(ft)	Description	Description
SVP0530	1	0-0.5	1.62	< 6.43	0.81	1.09	pass	N/A	west creek bank	yellow brown silty soil
SVP0531	1	0.5-1	*	*	.*	*	*	N/A	west creek bank	silty soil
SVP0532	2	0-0.5	3.26	< 5.88	0.78	0.93	pass	N/A	west creek bank	clayey silt
SVP0533	2	0.5-1	*	*	*	*	*	N/A	west creek bank	clayey silt
SVP0534	3	0-0.5	1.64	< 5.64	0.81	0.89	pass	N/A	west creek bank	clayey silt
SVP0535	3	0.5-1	*	*	*	*	*	N/A	west creek bank	yellow brown clayey silt
SVP0536	4	0-0.5	5.19	< 5.05	0.78	0.99	pass	N/A	west creek bank	clayey silt
SVP0537	4	0.5-1	*	*	*	*	*	N/A	west creek bank	clayey silt
SVP0538	5	0-0.5	7.43	< 3.68	0.91	0.86	fail	N/A	east creek bank	clayey silt
SVP0539	5	0.5-1	*	*	*	*	*	N/A	east creek bank	brown silt and organics
SVP0540	6	0-0.5	6.24	< 3.20	0.88	0.92	fail	N/A	east creek bank	brown silt and organics
SVP0541	6	0.5-1	*	*	*	*	*	N/A	east creek bank	encountered rocks
										silt with organic and
SVP0542	7	0-0.5	2.71	< 2.66	0.67	0.48	pass	N/A	east creek bank	inorganics; rocks
SVP0543	7	0.5-1	*	*	*	*	*	N/A	east creek bank	yellow brown silt
SVP0544	8	0-0.5	2.11	< 3.98	0.82	1.04	pass	N/A	east creek bank	yellow brown silt
SVP0545	8	0.5-1	*	*	*	* .	*	N/A	east creek bank	yellow brown silt
SVP0546	9	0-0.5	1.05	< 3.89	0.73	0.89	pass	1.5	under bridge	gray clay
SVP0547	10	0-0.5	1.05	< 4.32	0.70	0.76	pass	3.5	under bridge	gray clay
SVP0551	11	0-0.5	2.65	< 4.28	0.78	0.51	pass	2.5	upstream of bridge	dark organics, gray clay
SVP0552	12	0-0.5	1.06	< 5.41	0.70	0.92	pass	2.5	under bridge	gray clay
SVP0553	13	0-0.5	0.97	< 5.05	0.75	0.82	pass	0	edge of creek	gray clay
SVP0554	14	0-0.5	1.71	< 4.97	0.74	0.87	pass	0	edge of creek	gray clay
SVP0555	15	0-0.5	1.34	< 5.44	0.71	0.93	pass	**	within creek	**
SVP0556	16	0-0.5	1.42	< 5.15	0.72	0.89	pass	**	within creek	gray clay
SVP0557	17	0-0.5	2.66	< 5.27	0.99	0.38	pass	**	middle of creek	small gravel
SVP0558	18	0-0.5	1.31	< 6.24	0.81	0.89	pass	**	middle of creek	small gravel, gray clay
SVP0559	19	0-0.5	1.30	< 3.90	0.72	0.46	pass	3	within creek	coarse sand, gray clay
SVP0560	20	0-0.5	1.43	< 6.10	0.79	0.95	pass	**	within creek	gray clay
SVP0563	21	0-0.5	1.60	< 4.59	0.79	0.91	pass	**	within creek	gray clay
SVP0564	22	0-0.5	1.39	< 8.24	0.82	0.93	pass	**	within creek	gray clay
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Table 2: Coldwater and Fountain Creek Characterization February 1997

Sample	Th-230	Ra-226	Th-232	U-238
Number	(pCi/g)	(pCi/g)	(pCi/g)	(pCi/g)
SVP0500	10.64	0.96	1.09	1.33
SVP0501	1.43	0.94	1.34	1.29
SVP0502	2.33	0.81	0.69	0.97
SVP0503	9.02	0.98	1.09	2.75
SVP0504	3.19	0.74	0.45	1.08
SVP0505	2.74	0.93	1.07	0.37
SVP0506	12.98	1.11	1.09	0.60
SVP0507	10.02	1.07	1.00	0.92
SVP0508	1.43	0.88	0.98	1.64
SVP0509	11.49	1.02	1.07	1.51
SVP0510	2.17	1.05	1.26	1.35
SVP0511	7.31	1.02	1.03	1.47
SVP0512	1.58	0.80	0.38	0.79
SVP0513	1.49	0.93	0.85	1.09
SVP0514	1.79	0.99	1.02	1.57
SVP0515	2.31	0.94	0.81	1.08
SVP0516	1.69	1.01	1.09	1.21
SVP0517	2.15	1.11	1.01	0.59
SVP0518	4.67	0.95	0.26	1.07
SVP0519	2.12	0.99	0.57	1.54
SVP0520	1.88	1.13	1.10	1.09
SVP0521	2.02	0.84	0.46	0.73
SVP0522	1.73	1.01	0.92	1.66
SVP0523	1.60	1.06	0.78	0.83
SVP0524	1.55	1.10	0.97	0.86
SVP0525	1.40	1.03	0.71	0.57
SVP0526	38.29	1.20	0.65	1.03
SVP0527	5.63	0.88	0.87	0.88
SVP0528	1.47	0.78	0.51	0.76
SVP0529	1.23	0.75	0.51	1.09
Background ^a	1.30	0.90	1.00	1.10
DOE Guideline ^b	5.0	5.0	5.0	50.0

Background radionuclide concentrations in soil in the St. Louis Area
 Average over a 100 m² area and 15 cm depth

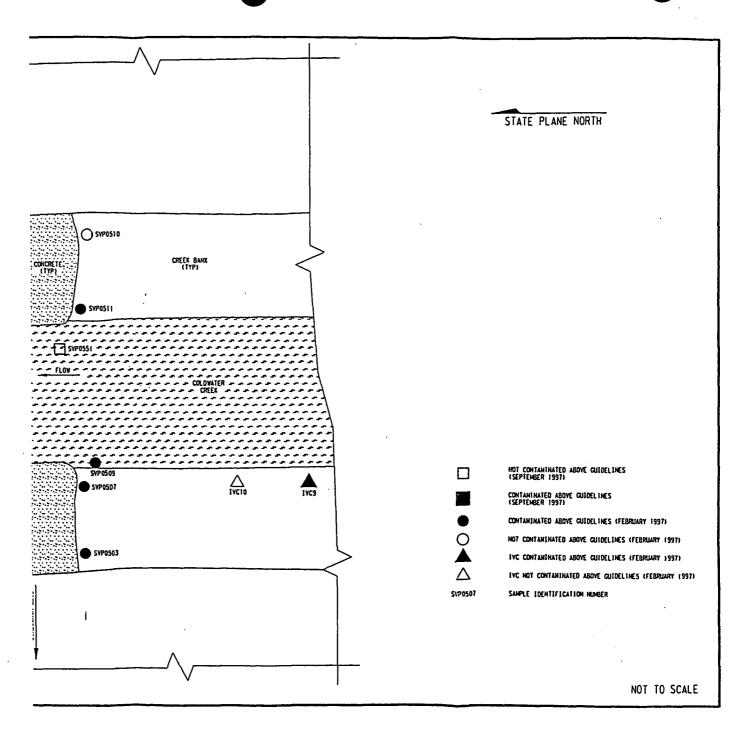
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1	< 4.0	1.0	0.9	1.3
2	< 2.9	0.8	0.3	0.8
3	< 4.0	0.9	0.9	1.3
4	< 4.0	0.9	0.9	1.0
5	< 2.9	0.8	0.3	1.1
6	< 3.7	0.9	0.8	1.1
7	< 4.3	1.0	1.0	1.2
8	3.2	1.2	0.4	1.0
9	8.6	1.1	0.9	1.4
10	4.4	1.1	1.0	1.1
11	7.5	1.1	1.0	1.1
12	4.8	1.1	1.0	1.2
13	2.7	0.9	0.5	1.0
14	1.7	1.0	1.1	1.2
15	< 4.1	1.3	0.9	1.3
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^a ORISE - Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education

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