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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

April 30, 2003

Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program

SUBJECT: Public Review and Comment Period for the "North County Site Feasibility Study and Proposed Plan"

Dear Concerned Citizen:

The Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP), administered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), St. Louis District, conducted site characterizations at the St. Louis North County Site. The FUSRAP program addresses contamination generated by activities of the Manhattan Engineer District / Atomic Energy Commission (MED / AEC) in support of our nation's early atomic energy program. Analysis of samples of the site's soil and sediments has confirmed the presence of MED / AEC contamination in the forms of radium, thorium, uranium, and their decay products. The North County Site includes St. Louis Airport Site (SLAPS), the SLAPS Vicinity Properties (VPs) and the Hazelwood Interim Storage Site (HISS) / Latty Avenue VPs.

The USACE has been working to develop cleanup alternatives for the North County Site. In accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, these alternatives are presented in two documents: the *St. Louis North County Site Feasibility Study* and the *St. Louis North County Site Proposed Plan dated May 1, 2003*. Both documents are now available for public review and may be viewed at the locations identified in the enclosed Public Notice, which will be published April 30, 2003 in the St. Louis County Journals and May 1, 2003 in the St. Louis Post Dispatch.

Comments provided as a result of public and regulatory agency review will help select the final remedy for the North County Site. After a final remedy has been selected, engineering plans, work instructions, health and safety plans, and an environmental compliance plan will be prepared, as necessary.

The Feasibility Study identifies and evaluates six alternatives for cleaning up the St. Louis North County Site. The Proposed Plan identifies the USACE-preferred alternative for the North County Site, provides the rationale for this preference, and includes summaries of the five other cleanup alternatives evaluated.

The USACE-preferred alternative is Alternative 5, "**Excavation with Institutional Controls under Roads, Bridges, Railroads, and Other Permanent Structures**". However, the final remedy will not be selected until USACE has received and considered

all public and regulatory agency comments obtained during the 30-day comment period. The 30-day comment period begins on May 1, 2003 and ends May 31, 2003.

Interested parties are encouraged to submit written or oral comments. Written comments may be sent through U.S. mail to the St. Louis District Corps of Engineers FUSRAP Project Office, ATTN: Ms. Sharon Cotner, 8945 Latty Avenue, Berkeley, Missouri 63134 or via e-mail to [Jacqueline.Mattingly@mvs02.usace.army.mil](mailto:Jacqueline.Mattingly@mvs02.usace.army.mil). Oral comments will be accepted at the Public Meeting, which will be held at 6 p.m. on May 29<sup>th</sup> at the Hazelwood Civic Center – East, 8969 Dunn Road, Hazelwood, Missouri 63042.

If you have further questions or comments regarding any of the information above, please contact Ms. Jacqueline Mattingly of my staff at (314) 260-3905 or (314) 260-3924.

Sincerely,

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

Sharon R. Cotner  
FUSRAP Program Manager

Enclosure



**US Army Corps  
of Engineers  
St. Louis District**

## **Availability of the St. Louis North County Site Feasibility Study and Proposed Plan (FS/PP) for Public Review and Comment**

Contamination is the result of activities associated with the nation's early atomic program. It is being addressed under the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP). The North County FS/PP presents cleanup alternatives for the following sites: St. Louis Airport Site (SLAPS), SLAPS Vicinity Properties (VPs), and Hazelwood Interim Storage Site (HISS)/Latty Avenue VPs. While the FS describes the six alternatives in detail, the PP identifies the alternative recommended by the Corps, Alternative 5. Alternatives include:

1. No Action — Leave the site as is with periodic environmental monitoring.
2. Partial Excavation and Capping at SLAPS and HISS — Excavate soil from the VPs and dispose out-of-state. Cap SLAPS and HISS and use institutional controls to limit access to contaminated areas.
3. Partial Excavation and Treatment — Excavate impacted soils from the VPs and HISS, then consolidate and treat at SLAPS. Use institutional controls to limit access to contaminated areas.
4. Institutional Controls — Use institutional controls such as deed notices, land use restrictions, and zoning restrictions to limit future land use at SLAPS, HISS and the VPs.
5. Excavation with Institutional Controls Under Roads, Bridges, Railroads, and Other permanent Structures — Excavate impacted soils from SLAPS, HISS and the VPs. Place institutional controls roads, bridges, railroads and other permanent structures.
6. Excavation at all Properties. — Excavate impacted soils from all locations, regardless of accessibility, for out-of-state disposal.

The public is encouraged to review and comment on the alternatives presented in the FS/PP. Electronic copies of the FS/PP are available at [www.mvs.usace.army.mil/engr/fusrap/home2.htm](http://www.mvs.usace.army.mil/engr/fusrap/home2.htm). Paper copies are with the site Administrative Record File and may be reviewed during normal business hours from May 1, 2003 until May 30, 2003 at the following locations: 1) U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District, FUSRAP Project Office at 8945 Latty Avenue in Berkeley, Missouri 63134; or 2) St. Louis Public Library, Government Information Room, 1302 Olive Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63103. Additional paper copies are available at select local libraries. Call Ms. Jacqueline Mattingly at (314) 260-3924 for additional information.

Written comments on the FS/PP must be received before June 1, 2003, to Ms. Sharon Cotner, FUSRAP Program Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District, 8945 Latty Avenue, Berkeley, Missouri 63134. A public meeting to receive oral or written comments will be held at 6 p.m. on May 29<sup>th</sup> at the Hazelwood Civic Center — East. If you plan to attend the public meeting and have special needs, please contact Ms. Jacqueline Mattingly at (314) 260-3924 for accommodations.

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