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March 5, 1998

REPLY TO ATTENTION OF:

Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program Project Office

Mr. Thomas Binz Laclede Gas Company 3950 Forest Park Blvd. St. Louis, Missouri 63108

Dear Mr. Binz:

The St. Louis District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has prepared two Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) documents for your review and comment. These documents support the removal of residual radioactive waste material at the St. Louis Airport Site (SLAPS) and the Hazelwood Interim Storage Site (HISS). Attached is a draft copy of the SLAPS EE/CA. A draft copy of the HISS EE/CA will be forwarded to you next week.

In the SLAPS EE/CA, two alternatives are assessed in addition to the "no action" alternative that is required under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA) as the baseline to which all alternatives are to be compared. The first alternative proposes to excavate and dispose of contaminated material at SLAPS and the ballfields. All excavated areas will be backfilled with clean soil and shipped off-site for disposal. The second alternative proposes to remove materials from the same areas but use below-criteria soils which meet industrial guidelines for chemical and metal potential contaminants of concern as backfill. Both alternatives outlined in the enclosed EE/CA will result in a significant step forward in the cleanup of the St. Louis Sites.

Written comments may be submitted to the FUSRAP Project Office now through April 6th for the SLAPS EE/CA. A public meeting on both EE/CAs will be held on March 17, 1998 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Hazelwood Civic Center, 8969 Dunn Road, Hazelwood, Missouri. A poster session will be held starting at 6:00 p.m. with the formal presentation starting at 7:30 p.m. followed by a question and answer period. We look forward to your participation in this review process.

Sincerely,

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