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General Joe N. Ballard
Chief of Engineers
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Pentagon
Washington, DC

SUBJECT: Public Hearing before the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, March 17, 1998,
Cleanup Proposals for the St. Louis Airport Site and Hazelwood
Interim Storage Site

Dear General Ballard:

Please find attached my letter to Colonel Hodgini, St. Louis District, USACE, regarding the above referenced public hearing.

I commend the USACE's start-up efforts to initiate a timely and successful cleanup program for the federal nuclear weapons production waste sites in St. Louis City and County.

A broad consensus has developed among state and local officials in support of proposed cleanup criteria and alternatives for both St. Louis sites. It is the result of several years of public input, technical analysis and inter-agency work to address the concerns and interests of all affected parties.

I am confident the Corps will develop cleanup plans in concert with the recommendations presented at the recent public hearing, which represent the overall interests of the State of Missouri.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mel Carnahan".

Mel Carnahan

MC:RC:sbs

Attachment