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The Honorable Pete Domenici
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on Energy & Water Development
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The Honorable Ron Packard
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Dear Chairman Domenici and Chairman Packard:

As you prepare the Fiscal Year (FY) 2000 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill, we respectfully request that you include an increase of \$10 million over and above the Administration's \$150 million budget request for the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) now being administered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Missouri has several major FUSRAP sites which contain nuclear waste left over from the Manhattan project and other sources. FUSRAP involves radioactive waste sites primarily in urban and suburban communities around the St. Louis region, many of which are on or near residential and commercial properties. Extra funding is needed to effectively clean up these sites to the desired levels promised by the Corps of Engineers.

The St. Louis sites constitute 50% of the total volume of FUSRAP waste (600,000 cubic yards) across the country, yet these sites receive less than one third of the total available funding. Currently, the President's total FY 2000 budget request for FUSRAP is \$150 million, but only \$45 million of this amount is set to be allocated to the St. Louis sites. This is significantly deficient. The current amount allotted for St. Louis will be \$2 million short of what is needed for the Corps to complete the work that they have already scheduled for FY 2000. In addition, the Corps has the capability and expertise to perform an additional \$20-30 million of work this fiscal year.

Accelerated funding for FUSRAP is also cost effective because it saves substantial funds now spent on maintenance, property management, and other direct "mortgage" expenses incurred at these sites. Most importantly, however, cleaning up these sites on an expedited basis will allow communities to put the property back to productive use.

Since the transfer of the FUSRAP program from DOE to the Corps of Engineers in the 1998 Energy & Water Development Appropriations Bill, the Corps has made significant progress in cleaning up the St. Louis sites to a level that is satisfactory to all the local stakeholders. To not increase the total FUSRAP appropriations at this time, would significantly jeopardize the Corps ability to keep their commitments and clean up those sites in a timely manner.

For over 20 years, the communities around the St. Louis sites have struggled to get the federal government to cleanup this nuclear waste. These communities deserve to have their quality of life restored, and they should be made whole as promptly as possible.

We thank you for your time on this matter, and look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely,

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