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The Honorable Harry Reid
Senate Energy and Water
Subcommittee on Appropriations
156 Dirksen
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Pete Domenici
Senate Energy and Water
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Dear Senator Reid and Senator Domenici:

As you prepare the *Fiscal Year 2002 Energy and Water Development Appropriations* bill, we respectfully request that you include an increase of \$10 million over and above President Bush's \$140 million budget request for the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP). These additional funds will allow the Corps to maintain successful and efficient clean-up efforts at these radioactive contaminated sites across the country.

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

The St. Louis sites constitute almost 50 percent (600,000 cubic yards) of the total volume of FUSRAP waste across the country. Under the President's request, the current amount allotted for the St. Louis sites will be \$2.5 million below last year's levels. This amount will not be sufficient for the Corps to effectively remediate these sites to the levels of previous years. Furthermore, work on the St. Louis sites will be downsized, and there will be a reduction in efficiencies below the fiscal year 2000 and fiscal year 2001 levels.

Since the transfer of the FUSRAP Program from the Department of Energy (DOE) to the Corps of Engineers in the *Fiscal Year 1998 Energy and 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. Over the years, the St. Louis Corps' project management team has consistently demonstrated the ability to efficiently expend all of its congressional appropriations plus some additional funds reprogrammed by Corps Headquarters. Because of this, the St. Louis FUSRAP Project is recognized as one of the best-managed projects in the nation. Currently, the Corps' project management team for these sites is under consideration for the Secretary of Defense's Productivity and Excellence Award.

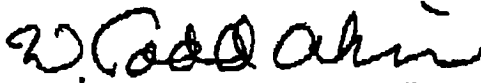
In closing, the communities around the St. Louis Sites have struggled for over 30 years to get the federal government to clean up this nuclear waste. To not sufficiently fund the total FUSRAP program at this time would significantly jeopardize the Corps'

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ability to keep its commitments and clean up these sites in a timely manner. 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 we look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

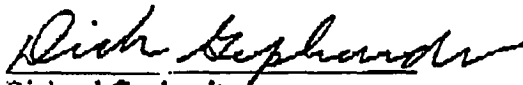
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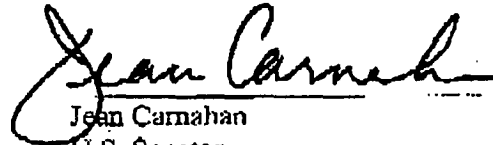
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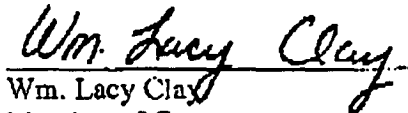
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