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Honorable Christopher "Kit" Bond  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20515-2503

Dear Senator Bond:

Thank you for your letter of June 12, 2001. I appreciate your interest in the efficient cleanup of the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) in the St. Louis, Missouri region and your subsequent concern regarding the Fiscal Year (FY) 2002 funding request for these sites.

You are correct in that the total FY 2002 funding for the FUSRAP sites in the St. Louis region is \$2.5 million below the total amount originally requested for FY 2001. However, it is important to note that although the total funding level has been reduced, redistribution of funding among St. Louis projects results in increased funding for three of the four projects. This should permit remediation to proceed on an efficient schedule for the three projects. The one project impacted by the reduction is currently completing an interim segment of remediation and consequently should not suffer significant loss in productivity. This approach allows the Corps to remediate the sites in an efficient manner while remaining within national FUSRAP program funding constraints.

Please be assured that in FY 2002 the Corps will continue to consider St. Louis District's prior performance in its distribution of future funds - should additional funds become available as a result of the appropriations process or as a result of identification of a surplus at another FUSRAP site. In fact, it was consideration of the St. Louis District's demonstrated capability to efficiently expend all of its congressional appropriation that resulted in the reprogramming of an additional \$5.2 million to the St. Louis District in FY 2001.

Again, thank you for your interest in this matter. I fully appreciate and share in your interest in seeing these communities restored in an efficient and timely manner.

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