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Mr. Thomas P. Grumbly Assistant Secretary for Environmental Restoration and Waste Management U.S. Department of Energy 1000 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Mr. Grumbly:

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources continues to work with the U.S. Department of Energy and the St. Louis Site Remediation Task Force to identify and implement a final remedy, for the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program sites in Missouri. I am, however, extremely concerned and dissatisfied with some directions the Department of Energy has taken in approaching this common goal to remediate the site.

The "divide and conquer" approach being implemented to piecemeal submittals, in an attempt to force or drive the final remedy, is extremely dissatisfying. Our position remains constant. We can accept long-term storage or disposal of the St. Louis waste at the Airport site in a fully engineered facility. Other options, including disposal in existing permitted facilities are also feasible. Your evaluations of the site conditions and your agency's use of the 100-year timeframe to assess the impact to the deep groundwater is unacceptable. Groundwater evaluations must be made on the timeframes of 500, 1000, and 10,000 years given the half lives of Uranium, Radium, Thorium and other radioactive isotopes existing at the St. Louis Airport site. These contaminants remain in contact with the groundwater today and must be adequately controlled for future generations.

Furthermore, interim measures to cap the site and monitor it are not in accordance with your requirement and commitment to address this site for a final cleanup. Please take the necessary measures to clarify within your agency the need to address these issues.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you wish to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me at (314) 751-4732.

Very truly yours,

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David A) Shorr Director

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