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Mr. Greg McCabe, Superfund Section
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Dear Mr. McCabe:

Enclosed please find a copy of an engineering evaluation/cost analysis prepared in support of a Department of Energy (DOE) proposal to conduct limited decontamination activities at the St. Louis Downtown Site (SLDS) in St. Louis, Missouri. This proposal is being made under DOE's Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP).

As you may know, SLDS is an industrial facility currently owned and operated by Mallinckrodt Inc. Uranium processing activities were performed at this site during World War II in support of the U.S. Government wartime effort. Residual contamination present at the site as a result of those processing activities poses no immediate health threat; however, cleanup of selected areas is needed to ensure that ongoing maintenance and renovation activities at SLDS do not result in the uncontrolled release of radioactivity.

This proposal is a relatively minor component of DOE's larger effort to implement a comprehensive cleanup of SLDS. Before implementing this comprehensive cleanup, we must first reach a decision on how best to manage the large volumes of contaminated soil and debris that would be removed during these activities. In the interim, DOE is proposing to conduct limited decontamination efforts and to temporarily store the resultant wastes on site. The attached document summarizes this interim proposal and provides DOE's rationale for this approach.

Please provide any comments you may have on this proposal by July 10, 1991. My mailing address is U.S. Department of Energy, Former Sites Restoration Division, P.O. Box 2001, Oak Ridge, TN 37831-8723. If you would like to discuss the proposal, please feel free to call me at the St. Louis Site Public Information Office in Hazelwood, Missouri. My number there is (314) 524-4083. Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

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