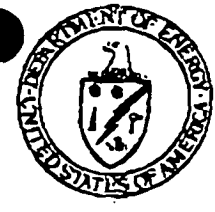


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Mr. Dennis Grams, P.E.
Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region VII
726 Minnesota Avenue
Kansas City, Kansas 66101

Dear Mr. Grams:

The Department of Energy (DOE) is requesting your assistance in reevaluating near and long-term actions at the contaminated sites in the St. Louis area. These sites are part of the Department's Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP). I committed to this reevaluation during my recent visit to St. Louis where I heard firsthand the concerns of the community.

We are requesting the withdrawal of the draft proposed plan for the overall remediation of the St. Louis sites. Based on our discussions with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, elected officials and community members, it is clear that the necessary consensus for moving forward does not currently exist. It is our plan to work with all stakeholders, including political delegations, to develop a long-term strategy for instituting an acceptable remedy. This review will reexamine all possible remedies. As an initial step, a workshop is planned for the May-June timeframe to allow all interested parties to present and discuss issues about these sites. The enclosed March 28, 1994, letter from Timothy Fields, Director, Superfund Revitalization Office at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will assist us in developing the near and long-term strategy.

Accordingly, we request that the EPA grant us a delay in the remedy selection process defined in our Federal Facility Agreement and allow the Department to propose a new schedule at a later date when there is broader agreement on the path forward.

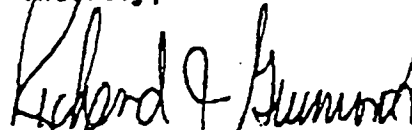
In the near term, the Department plans to work closely with your staff, as well as the State of Missouri and others, on several key concerns, particularly, (1) interim cleanup actions in areas where contamination accessible to the public is perceived to present a current health risk and (2) assistance to the City of St. Louis in maintaining the Airport site.

The Department very much appreciates the continuing cooperation and constructive support shown by EPA Region VII staff to date and will continue to depend on your help as we work with all stakeholders to identify a viable cleanup strategy.

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We look forward to your response on our request to withdraw the proposed plan to allow us to propose a new schedule for the remedy selection process.

Sincerely,



Thomas P. Grumbly
Assistant Secretary for
Environmental Management