

STATEMENT OF POSITION

BACKGROUND

A public meeting for the Environmental Management Advisory Board (EMAB) was held in St. Louis on March 15, 1994. Mr. Thomas Grumbly attended and spoke at the public meeting.

DISCUSSION

As a result of Mr. Grumbly's remarks, The St. Louis community, including residents and elected officials, is under the impression that DOE intends to drop onsite consolidation as an alternative under consideration.

The St. Louis County Executive issued a press release (attached) that stated; "The St. Louis community has won a major battle in the fight to clean up the radioactive waste in north county and in the city." It further states that this was in reaction to the news that DOE "reversed its position to build a bunker for permanent disposal of the wastes near Lambert Airport." The County Executive noted special thanks to Assistant Secretary Thomas Grumbly "for listening to our community, for hearing our message, and for having the courage to change the course the Department has been headed in for the last several years." This is indicative of the feedback that the program has been receiving from a variety of stakeholders.

RECOMMENDATION

Issue the following statement of position for use by the department in responding to inquiries.

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