



FUSRAP Update

The St. Louis Sites

St. Louis, Missouri



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Dear St. Louis Resident:

The April issue of *FUSRAP Update* focused on the Department of Energy's proposal to conduct limited cleanup measures in the Hazelwood/Berkeley area. DOE continues to seriously pursue this proposal, but we are awaiting an opportunity to discuss technical issues with an oversight committee that is being appointed by St. Louis County before proceeding.

This decision allows time for DOE to respond to technical issues raised during the public comment period and in a hearing conducted by the St. Louis County Council. We are pleased that the County Council adopted a resolution calling for appointment of an oversight committee which will conduct an independent assessment of the issues. We look forward to meeting and working with the County's technical panel. See page 2 for more information.

Although we are not performing the interim cleanup on North County properties this summer, DOE is conducting a limited field sampling activity on all four of the St. Louis sites. The photo inset shows one of the field sampling crews. This field sampling will provide all data needed to complete the Feasibility Study for St. Louis. See page 2 for more information.

In response to an invitation from State Representative Louis H. Ford, DOE met on June 11 with community leaders in the neighborhood surrounding the St. Louis Downtown Site. The agenda included a discussion of what effect, if any, the SLDS contamination would have on the community. A preliminary decision was made by the community leaders to work more closely with DOE in following the characterization schedule leading to a decision on cleanup and tentatively to set up an oversight committee for the SLDS.

Thank you again for your interest in the FUSRAP environmental restoration projects in the St. Louis area. If you would like to meet or talk with me, you can reach me at either 524-4083 or (615) 576-0634.

Sincerely,

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Issues raised by public comments

Technical experts to discuss interim cleanup

DOE's plan to pursue interim cleanup in the North County area is the main agenda item when discussions begin between DOE and a technical review committee appointed by St. Louis County.

The delay allows time for DOE and the County's oversight committee to resolve issues that were raised during a recent public comment period. The St. Louis County Executive is in the process of appointing a group of technical and public health

professionals to work with DOE representatives.

The proposed interim removal action for the North County properties was detailed in a report called an engineering evaluation/cost analysis-environmental assessment (EE/CA-EA). The document was released to the public this spring. A public comment period conducted from April 8-May 8 provided opportunity for residents and public officials to let DOE know their thoughts on the proposal.

The proposed interim removal action is part of the comprehensive environmental review of the St. Louis FUSRAP sites that DOE is conducting in accordance with federal, state, and local regulations.

Copies of the EE/CA-EA are still available and may be requested from the DOE Public Information Center in Hazelwood, telephone 524-4083.

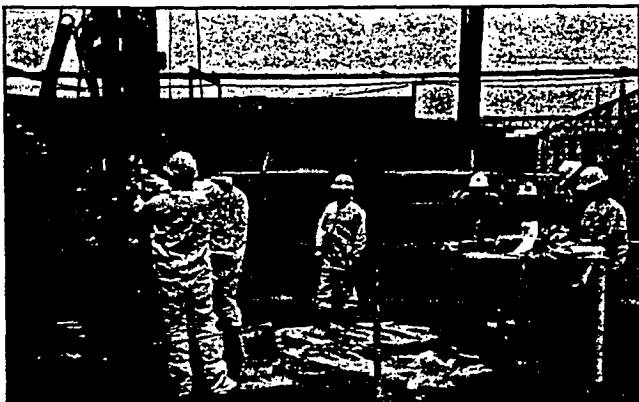
Field sampling underway at St. Louis FUSRAP sites

DOE is conducting a limited field sampling activity on and around the St. Louis FUSRAP sites. The work began in mid-July and will continue for about eight weeks.

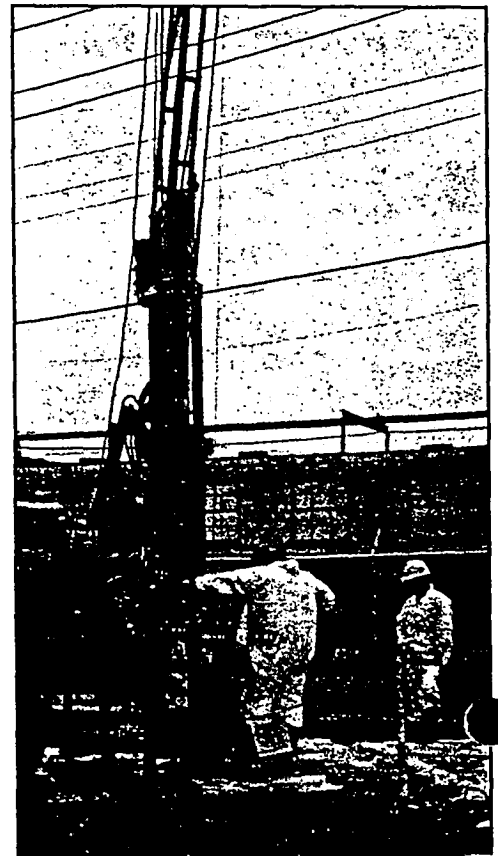
St. Louis residents may see workers taking soil samples on such locations as the ball fields across from the St. Louis Airport Site. Crews will also be taking samples on SLAPS, the Latty Avenue properties, and at the St. Louis Downtown Site.

The field sampling results supplement existing data to support the Feasibility Study (FS) for the St. Louis Site. Results from the current sampling activities are expected to provide all remaining information necessary to complete the FS.

The FS is the culmination of characterization activities that DOE has been conducting at the St. Louis sites under the provisions of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act and the National Environmental Policy Act. Site characterization is required under these laws prior to reaching a decision on cleanup of the properties.



◀ Sampling crews operate drill rig at St. Louis Downtown Site. ▶



How to learn more about the St. Louis Sites

The resources available at the DOE Public Information Center, 9200 Latty Avenue, Hazelwood, provide everything from general to technical information about the St. Louis FUSRAP sites. The Center is located at the Hazelwood Interim Storage Site.

Visitors are welcome at the DOE Public Information Center on Latty Avenue. That's Bob Gebhardt, site superintendent, on the entrance ramp.



Here are just a few of the resources:

- A 13-minute videotape, "FUSRAP Overview"
- Four Fact Sheets
 - "Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program"
 - "Principal Laws and Regulations Affecting the FUSRAP Cleanup Program"
 - "Administrative Record Requirements for FUSRAP"
 - "The St. Louis Site"
- Site Maps
- An observation deck with a view of the small storage pile
- Administrative Record containing all the documents that form the basis for selecting a response document at a Superfund Site.
- A large exhibit with a graphic display about FUSRAP and the St. Louis sites.

The public is welcome to visit the site at any time week days between the hours of 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. Some space limitations exist, so it is recommended that larger groups call ahead. To obtain directions or a map, please call the Center at 524-4083.

FUSRAP Update is issued periodically to inform St. Louis residents about current activities on the contaminated sites in the St. Louis area that are slated for cleanup under the U.S. Department of Energy's Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP). These sites were contaminated during the early days of the nation's atomic energy program.

For more information about the FUSRAP sites in St. Louis, contact the DOE Public Information Center, 9200 Latty Avenue, Hazelwood, MO 63042. Telephone (314) 524-4083.

Student letters bring FUSRAP speaker to Clayton High

Twenty students studying ecology at Clayton High School wrote letters to DOE expressing their views on the proposed interim cleanup in the Hazelwood/Berkeley area. One student added this postscript, "A response would be appreciated."

This student's note prompted David Adler, DOE's site manager, to contact the teacher, Barbara Riley. Adler's idea was to respond to concerns expressed by the students while at the same time providing more information about the federal, state, and local requirements regulating environmental cleanup.



On June 1, Joe Williams, a civil/environmental engineer and deputy project manager, addressed both of Ms. Riley's ecology classes. The students "asked many questions on their own and a few expressed an interest in visiting DOE's information center," he said. One of the sessions was quite lively, according to Williams, who enjoyed it all immensely.

These students are an important part of DOE's philosophy of public participation, Adler said. DOE views the public as a partner and a resource in the decision-making process in solving environmental problems.

Please contact the DOE Information Center, 524-4083, if you would like to schedule someone on DOE's St. Louis FUSRAP team to talk with your group or organization.

▲ *Joe Williams and other members of the St. Louis FUSRAP team will speak to area groups or organizations.*

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