



FUSRAP Update The St. Louis Site

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Oversight commission hears DOE site manager

The St. Louis County Radioactive and Hazardous Waste Oversight Commission met on May 10 with David Adler, St. Louis FUSRAP site manager. Appointed by County Executive Buzz Westfall and chaired by Dr. Alpha Fowler Bryan, director of the St. Louis County Department of Health, the group's purpose is to provide input to DOE in selecting the best cleanup and disposal option for the St. Louis site.

Commissioners had the opportunity to discuss DOE's plans with the site manager, who answered questions and provided information on costs and time frames for implementation of alternative cleanup options. Group members were told that a recommended remedial action is being reviewed by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, and that this proposal will be presented for public

comment in February 1994. Adler also distributed copies of the environmental monitoring reports for the Hazelwood Interim Storage Site.

The commission membership includes a variety of local elected officials, educators, technical experts, and environmental activists. They are Karen Acker, project engineer for Environmental Science and Engineering; Kay Drey, citizen activist; David Farquharson, mayor of Hazelwood; Nancy Lubiewski, Florissant Environmental Quality Commission member; William Miller, mayor of Berkeley; Sally Price, registered nurse; Geri Rothman-Serot, county councilwoman from the 3rd District; Dr. Barry Siegel, professor of radiology and medicine and director of the Division of Nuclear Medicine at Washington University; and Dr. Lee Sobotka, professor of chemistry and physics at Washington University.

In their first meeting, held March 23, members were presented with a site history and an overview of what's been done so far. The commission met again in early July.

Dr. Bryan chairs Oversight Commission

Dr. Alpha Fowler Bryan, director of the St. Louis County Department of Health, has been named chair of the county's Radioactive and Hazardous Waste Oversight Commission.

Appointed by County Executive Buzz Westfall, Dr. Bryan assumes a challenging role as head of the commission. "My goal is to mediate parties from varied backgrounds with a multiplicity of ideas and ideals to some common ground of agreement in order to perfect our overall mission. No doubt, this goal may be as ambitious as the cleanup itself," Dr. Bryan said.



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From the Site Manager to You

I consider communicating with members of the St. Louis community to be one of the most important parts of my job. I recently met and had excellent discussions with several groups about the cleanup and disposal options for the St. Louis FUSRAP site.


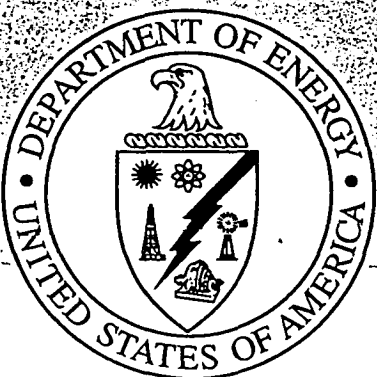
In the coming months, my goal is to meet and talk with as many of you as I possibly can about the cleanup and disposal options for the FUSRAP St. Louis site. I am gathering as much input as I can prior to finalizing the drafts of the feasibility study and proposed plan, which will be available for public comment in early 1994.

We don't have to wait until 1994 to have a discussion about the options being considered. I look forward to having informal meetings with small or large groups in the St. Louis area to present information and answer your questions.

Please call Patti Hazel at DOE's Hazelwood Public Information Center to set up a date and time. (See related article elsewhere in this newsletter.)

The Department of Energy is also very much looking forward to working with the Oversight Commission appointed by the St. Louis County Executive. This group will serve as an effective interface between DOE and those who seek an independent review of our FUSRAP sites in St. Louis.

Now, we are close to decision-making time, and your participation is extremely important. Please call or come by the Information Center for information that will help you in this process.



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In her 15 years as a health professional, Dr. Bryan has had a wide range of experience. After receiving her medical degree from Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Dr. Bryan spent two years as an ophthalmology intern at Homer G. Phillips Hospital in St. Louis and later entered a residency in family practice at Lutheran Medical Center. In her affiliation with the Southern Illinois Healthcare Foundation from 1985 to 1991, she served as medical director of Centreville's Community Health Center. She was appointed to head St. Louis County's Department of Health in April 1991.

According to Dr. Bryan, "In the St. Louis Metropolitan area we all live with the legacy of the 'Manhattan Project.' Some would say that not only the St. Louis region, but the entire country in general, benefited from this operation. Others might disagree. Regardless of where one stands on the issue, it is an established fact that multiple radioactive and hazardous waste sites now exist in our region which must be remediated."

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 site in St. Louis, contact the DOE Public Information Center, 9200 Latty Avenue, Hazelwood, MO 63042. Telephone (314) 524-4083.