



◀ Congressional field office staff members listen as DOE Site Manager David Adler explains cleanup alternatives.

Local officials, legislators attend DOE workshops

DOE recently held workshops at the Hazelwood Public Information Center for congressional field staff, members of the state legislature, and the mayors and city councils of Hazelwood and Berkeley.

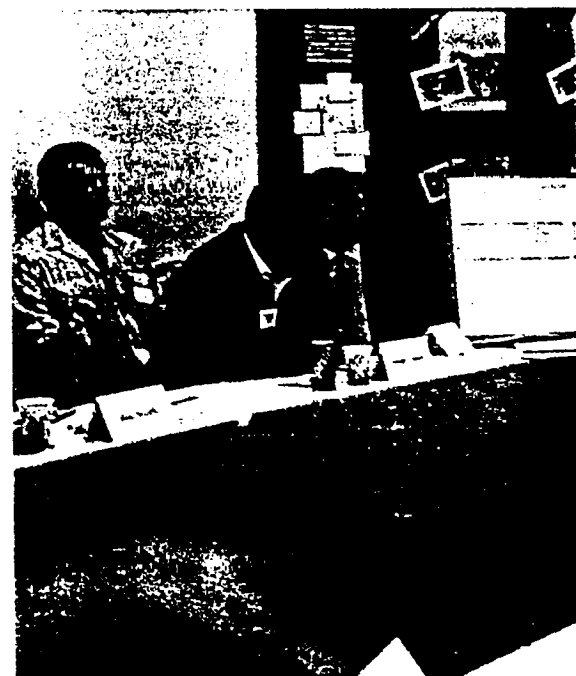
The workshop for field staffers and legislators was attended by a number of state senators and representatives, as well as field staffers for two Missouri congressmen and both U.S. senators.

Mayors William Miller of Berkeley and David Farquharson of Hazelwood were among those who attended a February 8 workshop for Berkeley and Hazelwood city officials. Both city managers and a majority of council members also attended the session.

Attendees at both workshops received an update on site cleanup and disposal options that are outlined in the draft "Feasibility Study for the St. Louis FUSRAP Site." They also had the opportunity to ask questions of David Adler, DOE's St. Louis FUSRAP site manager.

City of Berkeley Public Relations Specialist Bob Shelton observed, "This workshop gave city officials one of the best opportunities they've had so far to see where DOE is going with the cleanup effort."

Those attending the legislative workshop included Jo-Ann Digman, representing U.S. Sen. Kit Bond; Brent Evans, representing U.S. Rep. Jim Talent; Linda Getz, representing Missouri State Sen. Frank Flotron; Wayne



Berkeley and Hazelwood city officials discuss DOE Site Manager David Adler. From left: Steve Thieme, Berkeley City Councilman Tim Gerry Palau, Adler, and Berkeley City

Recent studies address residents' safety

Residents of Nyflot Avenue and Heather Lane in Hazelwood have received more good news about health risks associated with living

near sites contaminated with low levels of radiation. According to a recent study by the Missouri Department of Health, "the waste sites do not appear to pose a current threat to residents."

An inquiry from Nyflot Avenue residents concerned about the possibility of a high number of cancer cases in

the area prompted the study, which was initiated in 1989.

Through interviews with current and former residents, examination of medical records, and a chronological construction of the deposition of radioactive materials, the Department's Division of Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion was able to ascertain that "the types of radiation found in the area and the most likely routes of exposure for the current residents are not likely to lead to the types of cancer found in the residents."

This confirms the results obtained from two previous studies, which also concluded that the St. Louis area FUSRAP sites do not pose an unaccept-

able cancer risk to residents.

The Federal Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry conducted an independent study released in 1991 that determined that a "cancer cluster" (a grouping of a number of cases of the same type of cancer) "did not exist in the area."

More recently, DOE's draft "Baseline Risk Assessment" indicated that "current radiation exposures fall well below DOE standards for the protection of human health." Janet Johnson, PhD., a health physicist acting as an independent consultant for the study conducted by MDOH, confirmed that "DOE's risk assessments are accurate and are based upon conservative assumptions."

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▲ *Discuss site cleanup alternatives with Theodore Hoskins, Project Manager to right are Site Superintendent and Councilwoman Jean Montgomery.*

Goode, Missouri state senator; David Hale, Missouri state representative; Ron Keeven, Missouri state representative; Mary Renick, representing U.S. Rep. Richard Gephardt; Karla Roeber, representing U.S. Sen. John Danforth; and John Shear, chairman of the St. Louis County Council.

Those attending the workshop for Berkeley and Hazelwood city officials included:

Norma Caldwell
Hazelwood city clerk
Edwin Carlstrom
Hazelwood city manager
Jeanette Eberlin
Hazelwood city council
David Farquharson
Mayor of Hazelwood
Arbon Hairston
City manager of Berkeley

Theodore Hoskins
Berkeley city council

Louvenia Mathison
Berkeley city council

William Miller
Mayor of Berkeley

Jean Montgomery
Berkeley city council

Mollie Rickey
Hazelwood city council

Judy Shaw
Berkeley city council

Bob Shelton
City of Berkeley public relations specialist

Carol Stroker
Hazelwood city council

To schedule a workshop for your group, call Patti Hazel at 524-4083, or write to her at the DOE Public Information Center.

Berkeley resident promoted at DOE center

If you want general information on the St. Louis site, Patti Hazel is the person to see. Need a site map? Somebody to speak to your civic group? How about a tour of the information center?

As an administrative assistant with Bechtel for the past two years, Patti's had plenty of opportunities to respond to all kinds of requests for information.

With her recent promotion to site community relations coordinator, her responsibilities have expanded. With the overall goal of increasing community awareness of the the St. Louis Site, Patti's the front line of communication between FUSRAP personnel and area residents. From responding to requests for site

background information to monitoring the local community for changes that may have an effect on the site, she really does it all. Patti is also available as a speaker, and does a good general overview presentation on the St. Louis FUSRAP site.

And because she's been a resident of this area for the past eight years, she's uniquely qualified to provide this kind of information from a home-town perspective. Patti and her family live in Berkeley and attend church in Hazelwood. She says she's really come to love this part of the country and especially enjoys taking advantage of the many cultural and recreational opportunities in the St. Louis metropolitan area.



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*Site Community Relations
Coordinator Patti Hazel,
pictured here with son
Benjamin, says meeting people
is her favorite part of the job.*

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