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Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program

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Commission to receive DOE grant

The St. Louis County Hazardous and Radioactive Waste Oversight Commission will receive up to \$50,000 in federal funding for independent techniservices, the U.S. Department Energy has announced. The commission is expected to use the funds to hire a technical consultant who will provide independent review of DOE's site-related documents, proposed plans, and future remedial actions.

Dr. Alpha Fowler Bryan, Director of the St. Louis County Department of Health and commission chairwoman, says, "Timing is critical; the commission will begin immediately to compile a list of possible candidates.

"Our goal," she added, "is to review and recommend to DOE the most efficacious, healthconscious, and reasonable solution to our local radioactive waste problem. Hopefully, the selected technical consultant will help to assist and expedite our efforts."

DOE Site Manager David Adler will coordinate the grant for DOE. "Once the commission makes its selection, we will get a contract in place and work can begin," Adler said. "The whole process actually moves fairly swiftly."

"Aside from meeting some very basic contractual requirements, the contractor takes orders from the commission, and the commission only," Adler added. "We encourage this type of independent review because it raises everyone's comfort level regarding the decisions being made."

DOE makes technical services grants available to boards and commissions that have been created by local governments for the purpose of overseeing DOE activities. Adler said that although more than 40 FUSRAP sites have been designated in 14 states, only two other grants of this kind have been awarded to date.

Upcoming Events

Document Workshops

*At the DOE Information Center,

9200 Latty Avenue in Hazelwood

Remedial Investigation

January 18

Feasibility Study

January 25

Baseline Risk Assessment

February 1

Information Sessions

At the Hazelwood Civic Center

February 22-23

Dates are tentative. Please watch your mail for official announcements.