



From the Site Manager to You

After many years of field studies and considerable expenditure of resources, we are finally close to proposing a remedy for conditions present at the St. Louis site.

Although much remains to be done, I'd like to thank all stakeholders who have participated in this critical phase of the process; Region VII of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, the St. Louis County Radioactive and Hazardous Waste Oversight Commission, and most important the concerned citizens who have attended the open houses and workshops, visited or called our information center, and offered comments and suggestions.

When the proposed plan is released, along with several other key documents (see related article in this issue), you'll once again be encouraged to speak up and be heard.

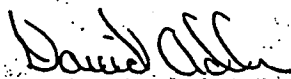
A 60-day public comment period follows the release of the project documents. Midway through that period, we'll hold our second public meeting. Meeting notices will appear in St. Louis-area newspapers and radio.

Within a day or two of the public meeting, we'll hold our second open house at the Hazelwood Information Center on Latty Avenue. (I'd like to thank specifically Mayor Farquharson, Councilwoman Rickey, Bob Shelton representing Berkeley City Hall, and all Berkeley and Hazelwood residents who attended our first open house back in July. I'm convinced we all benefit from these informal exchanges of ideas and information.)

I've often said the actual implementation of a cleanup plan is the easy part; reaching consensus on a plan is the bigger challenge. Nevertheless, such lengthy decision-making processes help to ensure that all stakeholders are heard, all viewpoints examined, and the best alternative chosen.

Tremendous credit goes to all Missourians who have taken the time to learn about the project, to get involved and helped shape its outcome. Thank you again for your continued interest in this project.

Sincerely,



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St. Louis Site Well-Prepared for Flood of '93

Home and business owners weren't the only ones taking emergency action during the Great Flood of '93. As flood waters began to rise, DOE set about to assess potential threats to the St. Louis FUSRAP sites. It appeared that the only site that might be affected was the St. Louis Downtown Site, located close to the edge of the Mississippi River, about two miles north of the Arch.

Anticipating that the levee might break, DOE moved radioactive samples and hazardous chemicals into upstairs storage, above the projected flood crest level.

Buoyant objects were tied down to keep them from possibly causing damage. And finally, DOE coordinated with local businesses, the Army Corps of Engineers, and Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District.

The flood did not reach the site, but just in case, all reasonable precautionary measures were taken.

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.