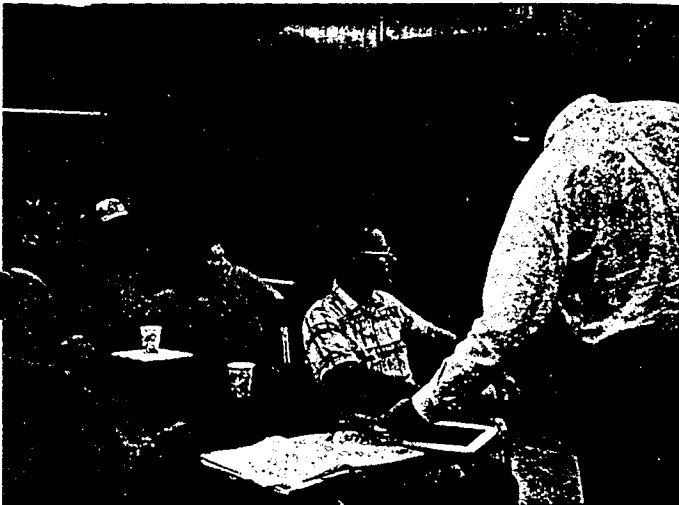


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Cleanup of residential properties underway



FUSRAP's Joe Williams conducts a workshop for the residential property owners. (left to right: Dale Lakenburger, Lea Vasquez, Velma Vasquez, Jack Granicke).

Owner Jack Granicke said he is looking forward to having the contamination cleaned up. "It hasn't affected us adversely, but I will be happy to know that if I want to dig along the edge of my property, I can do so without disturbing contaminated soil."

An orientation for the owners was held at the Information Center in October to discuss how and when the work would be done and to answer questions.

The cleanup began October 18 and should last approximately six weeks. After a brief staging at the airport site in steel waste shipping containers, contaminated soil will be shipped to a facility in Utah licensed to accept low level radioactive waste.

Residential properties near the St. Louis Airport will soon get a clean bill of health.

The properties were contaminated in the late 1960s when a commercial company hauled residues from the airport site to Latty Avenue. Because of hauling practices that would not be allowed today, some of these residues blew off the trucks and contaminated properties along road rights-of-way and portions of private properties along the haul routes.

The cleanup primarily affects road shoulders and ditches along portions of Hazelwood Avenue in Hazelwood and Frost Avenue in Berkeley.

All affected property owners recently signed agreements allowing the work to proceed and are pleased that the cleanup is underway.

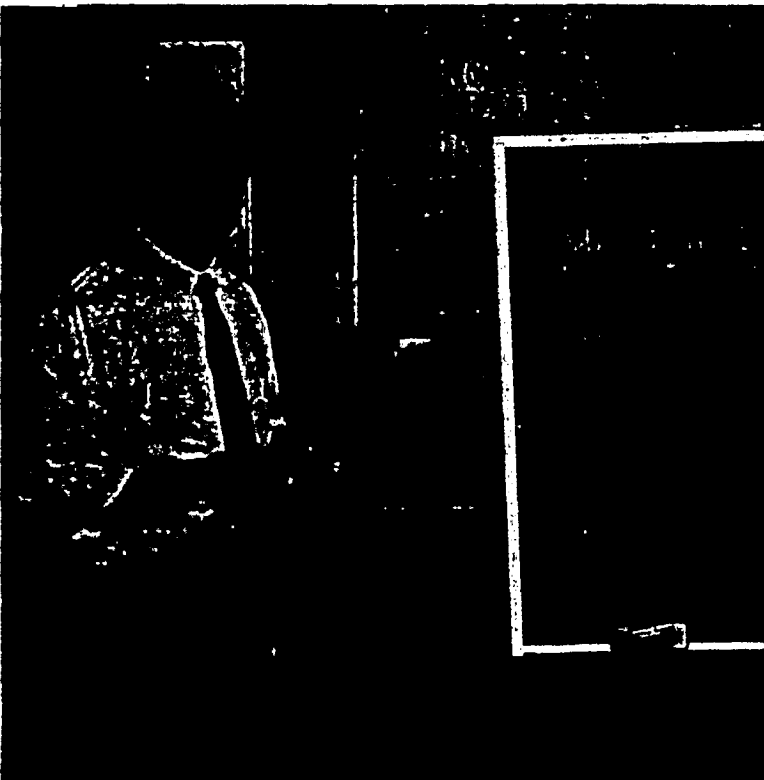


First buckets of contaminated soil are placed in an intermodal container.

DOE Conducts Neighborhood



FUSRAP's Bill Lenczuk answers a question about radioactivity.



FUSRAP's George Gavelitz explains the characteristics of uranium.

"Enjoyable informative interesting." These are just a few of the comments from participants of the Grace Hill Neighborhood College environmental course, recently sponsored by the Grace Hill Wellness Initiative and the DOE's Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP). The course was designed specifically to address the environmental concerns of the staff and neighbors of Grace Hill, which is located near the St. Louis Downtown Site.

To date, approximately 60 people have attended three FUSRAP-sponsored classes focusing on radiation basics. Some of the topics included terminology and definitions, types and sources of radiation, health effects, radiation monitoring, and radon. The setting was structured but casual, and neighbors interacted with questions and comments throughout each segment.

Class participants also involved their neighbors by asking them to compile a list of their top environmental concerns. They submitted names and addresses of neighbors to be added to the site mailing list and identified stakeholder groups that might be interested in learning about the site.

A highlight for one class was a field trip to the Information Center on Latty Avenue. The visit included a slide presentation and overview of the FUSRAP program, a history of the St. Louis Site, a segment on how neighbors can become involved in the decision-making process, and a tour of the Hazelwood Interim Storage Site, the St. Louis Airport Site, and vicinity properties.

Chris Byrne, director of the Air, Land and Water Branch of the St. Louis County Department of Health, was the graduation speaker for the class. He commended the neighbors for completing the course, and challenged them to put their knowledge to work in their community.

College Course

Site Manager Dave Adler said he was pleased with the level of participation and interest shown by the Grace Hill neighbors. "We need more of this type of citizen involvement if we are to make sound decisions that are in the best interests of all concerned. I applaud the participants and the Grace Hill Wellness Council for making this forum available."



Sr. Louis County Health Department's Chris Byrne challenges a group of graduates to use their knowledge in their neighborhood.



FUSRAP's Gerry Palau gives FUSRAP overview at the Information Center.

FUSRAP Staffer Joins Grace Hill Board

Site Community Relations Coordinator Patti Hazel was recently named a member of the Grace Hill Wellness Advisory Board. Hazel is assisting the Wellness Initiative by defining needs, setting goals, and developing a fund-raising plan. To begin this process, Hazel toured several Grace Hill sites and met with residents and Wellness Council members to make a "wish list" of items that would enhance programs and facilities. The information will be compiled and a plan of action drafted and implemented.

Hazel said she is pleased to be working with an organization that assists people in such practical ways, and hopes that her input will help to accomplish lasting results.



FUSRAP's Patti Hazel informs class about public participation opportunities.