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## NOTE TO EDITORS AND ASSIGNMENT DESKS:

ST. LOUIS, MO -- The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) will hold a public meeting on Tuesday evening, January 28, 1992, to receive comments from the public on environmental studies of three sites in the St. Louis area that are contaminated with residual radioactive materials. The meeting will be held in the auditorium of the Berkeley Senior High School, 871 Walter Avenue, Berkeley, Missouri, beginning at 7:00 p.m. (A news release announcing the public meeting was issued last week).

David Adler, DOE's St. Louis Site Manager, will be present at 6:00 p.m. at the Berkeley Senior High School to meet with members of the news media. For more information, contact the St. Louis Site Information Office at 524-4083 or call the DOE Oak Ridge Field Office Public Information Office at (615) 576-0885.

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## THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY INVITES INTERESTED CITIZENS TO A PUBLIC MEETING

## for the ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND ANALYSIS OF THE ST. LOUIS SITE

7:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 28, 1992
Berkeley Senior High School Auditorium
8710 Walter Avenue
Berkeley, Missouri

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) will hold a public meeting on January 28 to receive public comments on environmental studies of three radioactively contaminated sites in the St. Louis area.

Known collectively as the St. Louis Site, the three separate sites are designated for cleanup by DOE's Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP). The sites are located in an industrial area in downtown St. Louis, on land adjacent to the Lambert-St. Louis International Airport, and on property located on Latty Avenue in Hazelwood.

The public meeting is an opportunity for residents living in these communities, as well as other interested parties, to participate and comment on the ongoing environmental studies. The meeting will be held in the auditorium of the Berkeley Senior High School, 8710 Walter Avenue, Berkeley, Missouri. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

FUSRAP is responsible for identifying and restoring sites contaminated with radioactive materials resulting from the early years of the nation's atomic energy program. Contamination at the St. Louis Site resulted from uranium processing and waste management activities from the 1940s through the 1970s.

DOE's Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) is a key step in the cleanup process. The RI/FS is intended to determine the nature, extent, and environmental impacts of existing contamination. The RI/FS will also identify and evalunte a variety of cleanup alternatives, ranging from no action to onsite or offsite disposal of contaminated materials.

DOE's environmental studies will combine the regulatory requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (CERCLA/SARA). The environmental impact statement requirements of NEPA will be addressed in the RI/FS documentation.

The St. Louis Site RIFS is scheduled to be completed in 1995. Before a cleanup alternative is selected, DOE will provide the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed action. Under the provisions of a Federal Facilities Agreement between DOE and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the selected cleanup alternative must be approved by EPA.

Individuals and organizations may submit or al or written questions or suggestions at the January 28 meeting. Anyone wishing to speak at the meeting may either sign up during registration, send a written request to the following address, or call the toll-free number listed below:

Lester K. Price, Director
Former Sites Restoration Division
U.S. Department of Energy
Oak Ridge Field Office
P.O. Box 2001
Oak Ridge, TN 37831-8723
(615) 576-0948 or 1-(800) 253-9759

Written requests to speak at the meeting should be received at the above address by January 22, 1992. Written comments pertaining to the meeting should be submitted to the above address not later than February 7, 1992.

Background information on the St. Louis Site is available in the Work Plan for the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study-Environmental Impact Statement for the St. Louis Site. Copies of this work plan and other documents related to the St. Louis Site are available to the public in the information repositories and administrative record files located in the Government Information section of the St. Louis Public Library, 1301 Olive Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63103; the St. Louis County Library-Prairie Commons Branch, 915 Utz Lane, Hazelwood, Missouri 63042; and the DOE Public Information Office, 9200 Latty Avenue, Hazelwood, Missouri 63042.



Our neighbors in Hazelwood and Berkeley are cordially invited to an Open House and Site Tour

on Tuesday, July 13 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

at the DOE
Public Information Center
9200 Latty Avenue
Hazelwood, Missouri 63042

Please come and meet the DOE site manager and other staff working on the St. Louis Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program.

We will have light refreshments, an exhibit, printed material, and a videotape about this environmental restoration program. Feel free to bring a guest.

Space in the Center and parking are limited, so please let us know if you are coming.

Telephone 524-4083.

For directions, please see map on reverse.

