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DOE TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING ON ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES OF CONTAMINATED SITES IN ST. LOUIS

ST. LOUIS, MO -- The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) will hold a public meeting on January 28 to receive comments from the public on environmental studies of three sites in the St. Louis area that are contaminated with residual radioactive materials.

Known collectively as the St. Louis Site, the three separately located 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 St. Louis International Airport and on property located on Latty Avenue in Hazelwood, Missouri.

The public meeting will provide 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 performed from 1940 through the 1970's.

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 also will identify and evaluate 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 RI/FS is scheduled to be completed in 1995. Before a cleanup alternative is selected, DOE will provide the public 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.

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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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