

Coldwater Creek Again Tests Favorably



Request for '93 flood relief inspires volunteer spirit

Images of the Flood of '93 brought out the sympathy and compassion of almost everyone who saw them. Teresa Adcox of Bechtel National in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, decided to do something about it. Bechtel is DOE's project management contractor for the St. Louis FUSRAP site.

"I saw an ad in the paper asking for volunteers," Adcox said. "So, I signed up to help out." Adcox said about 75 people from the Oak Ridge area

came to St. Louis from August 19 to 22 to aid in the cleanup work.

"When we got there, the floodwaters had receded some, so we didn't see it at its worst," she said. "But there were water lines, so you could see how high it had been. Some roads were still flooded out."

She started to work as soon as she arrived, cleaning up debris and making preparations for repair work. "One building we cleaned out had 6 inches of sludge," she said. "We carried out all the wet furniture and tore out a lot of ruined walls. It seemed like we almost had to tear the whole building down."

"We stayed at a church near Lambert Airport and camped out on the floor of one of the Sunday school rooms," she said. "We ate at the Salvation Army. They set their food station up in a cemetery and called it the 'Tombstone Cafe.'"

Adcox said she felt good about being able to help out in the crisis. "There was a lot of volunteer spirit, and I was glad to have been a part of it."

County Health Department Reports on Coldwater Creek

In its annual monitoring of water upstream and downstream from the St. Louis Airport Site on Coldwater Creek, the St. Louis County Health Department has reported that contamination levels are within guidelines. Overall readings remain consistently near background levels.

Mr. Chris Byrne of the County Health Department said, "The county's test results have compared favorably with those of DOE, their contractor, Bechtel, and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. The health department will continue to monitor the creek water readings at the site."

In addition to surface water sampling, other types of environmental monitoring routinely performed at the St. Louis site include air, soil sediments, and groundwater.

Results of the monitoring activities at the Hazelwood Interim Storage Site were recently compiled in a site environmental report for calendar year 1992. The report is now available at the Hazelwood DOE Information Center at 9200 Latty Ave. in Hazelwood.



Bechtel's Teresa Adcox lends a hand in cleaning up flood-damaged St. Louis.

Long-time resident is key member of FUSRAP team

John Henry, a 10-year FUSRAP employee, has a vested interest in the operations of St. Louis sites — he and his family are long-time residents of the area. John is in charge of site security, site maintenance and inspection, environmental monitoring, and several other technical jobs at the St. Louis sites.

John's family has lived in St. Louis for 27 years, and in addition to his FUSRAP duties, and his wife Linda are involved in many projects to make their community a better place to live. John and Linda are active members in the Forest Park Southeast Block Unit. The Block Unit gets youths involved in community activities, encour-

ages them to "Just Say No" to drugs, and to keep their neighborhood safe and clean. John says, "One of the most important values I try to teach to our young people is to be proud of who they are in the world."

In what little spare time he has, John likes to go bowling with his family and he jogs and exercises regularly, "to keep my mind clear and my body in shape," he says.

John's "can do" attitude naturally carries over into his work on FUSRAP. "Working for the Department of Energy is always a challenge. By using our skill and training to respond to whatever problems arise, our team works like clockwork every time."



Site Maintenance Supervisor John Henry monitors automatic well sampler at Hazelwood Interim Storage Site

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