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Ms. Sharon R. Cotner  
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St. Louis District, Corps of Engineers  
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Re: St. Louis FUSRAP Sites  
SLDS ROD

Dear Ms. Cotner:

We appreciated the opportunity to meet with Corps of Engineers representatives on June 16, 1998, to discuss the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) preliminary comments on the St. Louis Downtown Site (SLDS) Record of Decision (ROD). As you know, Region VII presented the recommended remedial action for this site to EPA's National Remedy Review Board (NRRB) on June 10, 1998. The purpose of the NRRB is to promote both consistent and cost effective decisions at Superfund sites. The Region asked the NRRB to expedite preparation of its recommendations regarding the remedial action, and we expect to have them by June 30, 1998. Even though we have a good idea what the NRRB is likely to recommend, which we discussed with you on June 16, the Region cannot close out its review of the SLDS ROD until we receive the NRRB's final recommendations and have had an opportunity to confirm that all recommendations have been appropriately addressed in the ROD. In the meantime, we will work with you to revise the ROD based on our preliminary comments.

As we discussed by telephone on June 18, 1998, we agree that we should treat the schedule for revising the ROD in response to EPA comments as a series of time periods for completing specific

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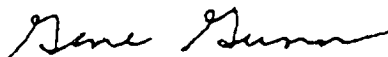
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activities, i.e., making these revisions, responding to comments, and signing the ROD, rather than fixed deadlines. Thus, the actual deadline for the Corps to respond to comments on the final draft ROD would be one week after you receive those comments, rather than June 16, and the deadline for sending the final signed ROD to EPA would be 24 days after you receive EPA's comments, not July 3.

Please call me at (913) 551- 7776 if you wish to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,



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