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Dr. Rob Mullins, Jr.
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Dear Dr. Mullins:

I have reviewed the Army Corps of Engineers plans for remediation of the St. Louis Downtown Site (SLDS) under the Formerly Utilized Site Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP). I commend the Corps for the timely development of these assessments and plans. I look forward to the expedient completion of this clean-up project; it is time the St. Louis community is relieved of the burdens brought by early weapons production.

I encourage the Corps to select and implement Site-Wide Alternative No. 6 - Selective Evacuation and Disposal. This alternative will minimize the future administrative and financial burdens to property owners and will minimize impediments to future development which would be created under Alternative #4. Although short-term cost to the federal government will be higher under alternative #6, this plan will prevent the need to shift more than \$10 million in costs for the management of soils not removed by Alternative #4 from the FUSRAP program to property owners. Alternative #6 will allow the most cost-effective development and expansion of SLDS properties while spurring economic benefits throughout the community. This alternative will also reduce the government's continuing obligation for the disposal of soils excavated by property owners.

Finally, I encourage the Corps to resolve any question of future responsibility for residues which are not removed under the current plan. Property owners must not bear a burden that is the government's responsibility; it is both appropriate and reasonable that the mechanism for establishing and guaranteeing such responsibility be established prior to the issuance of the Record of Decision.

Thank you for your consideration of my views. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William L. Clay".

William L. Clay
Member of Congress