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DONN JOHNSON: "A new announcement tonight that a mountain of radioactive debris may have a permanent home right here in St. Louis if the Department of Energy has its way. The DOE's plans are still hot off the press but 2 NewsTeam's Earthwatch reporter Bruce Gordon says opposition is quickly mounting."

BRUCE GORDON: "The waste is a legacy of the Manhattan Project, America's first attempt to build an atomic bomb. Uranium processing here in St. Louis left behind 850,000 cubic yards of radioactive soil, now buried at three local sites, including a 22-acre plot just north of Lambert Field. The DOE wants to consolidate all three sites into one at Lambert and cover up the waste at a cost of about \$250 million. Shipping the waste to storage facilities in Utah would cost \$600 million."

Voice of DAVID ADLER (DOE site manager): "In my opinion it's difficult to justify the expenses of shipping it to a remote site."

CONG. JIM TALENT (Chesterfield): "This is clearly the worst thing to do."

GORDON: "Congressman Jim Talent says he's stunned by the DOE's recommendation. If the debris is a threat to health and safety he wants it shipped to a remote site whatever the cost; and if it isn't a serious threat Talent suggests it be left where it is and monitored."

TALENT: "Why disrupt neighborhoods, scare people, have all the guys in with the moon suits to pick it up and dump it three or four miles away in another populated area? It doesn't make a lot of sense to me."

GORDON: "Not to many others in St. Louis. Referendum votes and comments from elected officials make it clear the public wants the radioactive waste moved. The DOE's new announcement has activists sounding the alarm."

KAY DREY (nuclear activist): "Every citizen has got to act as if there's no other citizen who's going to do anything."



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I mean we all have to be sort of a committee of one and try to get through to our elected officials and beg them for help on this."

GORDON: "It is not too late for public action to make a difference. The DOE recommendation's now in the hands of the Environmental Protection Agency. A final ruling on what to do with all of this debris is probably a couple of years and many public hearings away."



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DAN GRAY: "Some St. Louis residents are fighting mad tonight because of plans to transform land near Lambert Airport.

"As NewsChannel 5's Michelle Hofland reports the government wants to store atomic waste on the site."

MICHELLE HOFLAND: "The energy department says beneath the weeds and dirt on this land just north of Lambert Airport is radioactive waste that came from a Mallinckrodt plant in St. Louis. Now the energy department wants to build a bunker here and pump a million more cubic yards of radioactive dirt inside it. It will come from contaminated sites that date back to the development of the atomic bomb in the 1940s.

"Kay Drey has been fighting this for fifteen years."

KAY DREY (environmentalist): "It gives off a certain kind of radioactivity, called alpha particles that are known to be extremely dangerous. We don't want it near people, and we don't want it near water."

HOFLAND: "The Department of Energy says this is the best site for the atomic waste. As the sign says this land is already contaminated, not only that beneath the ground there's already a natural clay barrier and that should be prevent the contaminants from seeping any deeper. Also this site is closer to the other site. The contaminants will not have to hauled a long distance. The soil is contaminated with uranium which will be around for billions of years but the energy department says despite that the site won't pose much of a health risk.

VOICE OF DAVID ALDER (site manager): "We don't think it is very dangerous as long as people don't grow crops in it or engage in activities that would cause them to ingest or inhale large quantities of it."

HOFLAND: "Opponents disagree and insist any site miles away from a large population would be much better than this.

"In north county, Michelle Hofland, NewsChannel 5."



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GRAY: "Now the Department of Energy says the public can comment about the proposed site at a meeting this spring. The DOE will make its final decision and begin cleanup of the atomic waste by next winter."