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Subject: Priority Funding to Support the Rapid and Thorough Completion of the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) Projects in St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Ms. Darcy, Mr. Hansen & Ms. Fatherly:

This letter is sent to you in urgency, to express the need for top priority funding in support of the rapid and thorough completion of the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program projects in St. Louis, Missouri. This remediation must be done quickly and completely as, in its current condition, the potential exposure and movement of contaminated materials is of grave concern to the State of Missouri. These properties, long contaminated by FUSRAP wastes, are not owned or controlled by government agencies, but instead are occupied by businesses or are otherwise publicly accessible green spaces used for recreation and/or as a utility corridor.

We commend the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) St. Louis District FUSRAP team for the services they provide. This includes hosting meetings with utility companies and municipalities to notify them of radiological support services that are available. However, we and the local USACE staff continue to identify utility and construction projects within potentially contaminated areas that have been initiated without any prior notification or request for radiological support. We believe we were able to identify these activities only because they were in highly visible areas in close proximity to the project areas. Overall, we have no consistent means of discovering activities that fall within the large potentially contaminated areas not readily visible to us.

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Coldwater Creek in north St. Louis County is an example of potentially contaminated land that is both a commonly used utility corridor and a play area for children, being bordered by homes for much of its length and is not readily visible to passersby. Utility and road crews frequently dig into these soils. Children play on and in them. We believe that priority funding to allow rapid and complete remediation is needed to address this concern.

The local USACE has stated that anticipated reduced funding will not allow complete remediation of the St. Louis FUSRAP Sites until Federal Fiscal Year 2017 or later. Meanwhile, both current and former residents of this community have voiced strong opinions that health-related tragedies experienced within their families are a result of this contamination and are seeking corroboration and compensation.

Therefore, in summary, we ask that additional Civil Works funding be directed to FUSRAP, and specifically the St. Louis sites, up to an amount that will support the local USACE St. Louis office and their contractors' full capacity for expedited rapid remediation efforts.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter in more detail, we can be reached at the following phone numbers; Ms. Parker Pauley at (573) 522-6221 and Ms. Vasterling at (573) 751-6001.

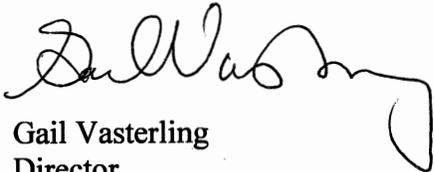
Sincerely,

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