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Addressees:

EXTENSION TO THE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED PLAN FOR REMEDIAL ACTION FOR THE GROUNDWATER OPERABLE UNIT AT THE CHEMICAL PLANT AREA OF THE WELDON SPRING SITE

Enclosed for your information is a copy of a public notice announcing an extension to the additional public review period on the Proposed Plan for the Groundwater Operable Unit. The Proposed Plan was initially made available to you on August 3, 1999.

The DOE invites you to comment on the Proposed Plan. Written comments must be postmarked no later than August 15, 2000 and sent to the following:

Mr. Stephen H. McCracken, Project Manager
Weldon Spring Site Remedial Action Project
7295 Highway 94 South
St. Charles, MO 63304
Fax: (636) 447-0739

If you have any questions, please contact myself or Tom Pauling at (636)441-8978.

Sincerely,

Pamela Thompson for

Stephen H. McCracken
Project Manager
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Enclosure:
As stated

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY ANNOUNCES AN EXTENSION TO THE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE REVIEW OF THE *PROPOSED PLAN FOR REMEDIAL ACTION FOR THE GROUNDWATER OPERABLE UNIT AT THE CHEMICAL PLANT AREA OF THE WELDON SPRING SITE*

As part of the Weldon Spring Site Remedial Action Project, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is providing an additional public review period on the Proposed Plan for groundwater remedial action. The Proposed Plan, which is substantially unchanged, addresses the management of contamination in groundwater at the chemical plant area. It is proposed that long-term monitoring would be conducted to verify decreasing contaminant concentrations as a result of source removal and natural processes that are occurring. Additionally, in place treatment of TCE would be performed to improve and restore groundwater conditions, as practicable. The chemical plant is located on Highway 94 South, approximately four miles south of Highway 40/61.

The Remedial Investigation, Baseline Risk Assessment, and Feasibility Study are available for information purposes. These documents, which have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) will form the basis for a Record of Decision (ROD) which will define the alternative for managing the groundwater at the chemical plant.

The Proposed Plan was initially made available on August 3, 1999 for a 30-day public review and comment period. To accommodate issues raised by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) on the Proposed Plan, the end of the comment period was later extended to January 6, 2000. During this time, the MDNR, the EPA, and the DOE agreed to a dispute resolution process to decide outstanding issues. This process concluded with a decision letter from EPA dated May 12, 2000, which resulted in the current comment period, scheduled to end on July 14, 2000. Based on a timely request seeking an additional period for public comments, a 30-day extension to the public comment period will take place.

All of the documents generated during the course of the dispute, including the EPA's decision letter and the DOE's response to the decision, have been placed in the Administrative Record and are available for public review. This extension to the additional comment period will end on Aug. 15, 2000. Comments postmarked or faxed by that date will become part of the Administrative Record and will be considered in the ROD.

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Copies of the documents are available for review at the Spencer Creek Library in St. Peters, the Kathryn Linneman Branch Library in St. Charles, the Kisker Branch in St. Charles, the Middendorf-Kriedell Library in O-Fallon, the Francis Howell High School Library and the Community Relations Department at the Weldon Spring Site Remedial Action Project.