PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

The United States Department of Energy at the Weldon Spring Site has issued for public review and comment the Contaminated Structures Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/ CA) to document the proposal to dismantle 30 buildings/structures containing varying degrees of radioactive and chemical contamination. The action addresses five major process buildings and 25 other structures which were not used for direct processing of uranium. A similar program to dismantle 15 non-process buildings was previously announced and that work has already been initiated.

Since the Chemical Plant operation ceased in the mid '60s, the buildings have deteriorated considerably. Broken windows, separated wall, damaged floors and leaky roofs present potential safety hazards to on-site personnel. As deterioration continues, contamination could be released offsite through wind dispersal and surface water run-off. The proposed dismantlement of these structures will reduce this possibility.

No significant environmental impacts are anticipated as a result of this action nor are any measurable increases in airborne contamination levels expected at the site perimeter. Contaminated materials will be safely stored, and their ultimate disposition will be addressed with plans for managing all site wastes which are to be presented to the public later this year. Anyone interested should feel free to contact the site. We would be pleased to meet and discuss any issues or concerns individuals might have. The EE/ CA is available for public inspection at the following locations:

- Spencer Creek Branch, St. Charles Public Library
- Kathryn Linneman Branch, St. Charles Public Library
- Kisker Road Branch, St. Charles Public Library
- Francis Howell High School Library
- Weldon Spring Site Remedial Action Project Public Reading Room (Administrative Record is also available at this location)

Comments postmarked by June 24, 1991, will receive a written response and become part of the Administrative Record for this action.

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