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PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 29
ON WELDON SPRING QUARRY WASTE CLEANUP

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WELDON SPRING, Mo., March 2--A Public Meeting will be held March 29 at Ramada Inn Wentzville to provide opportunity for comment and input to plans for the next phase of the Weldon Spring Quarry cleanup.

The Quarry, located on Highway 94 South, is one of the areas designated for cleanup under the Weldon Spring Site Remedial Action Project. Removal of the bulk waste from the Quarry is the second step in a three-step cleanup process proposed by the United States Department of Energy (DOE).

The Public Meeting, sponsored by DOE and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, is scheduled for 7:00 P.M. At that time, government officials will discuss proposed plans and answer questions.

Stephen H. McCracken, DOE Project Manager, said that four documents describing the work were prepared in accordance with requirements of the Comprehensive Environmental Response

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Compensation and Liability Act and now are available for public review.

"Comments received from the public will be considered in a Record of Decision that will define the alternative for managing the Quarry waste," McCracken said.

The documents are the Remedial Investigation Report that characterizes the site conditions at the Quarry, the Baseline Risk Evaluation that describes the risks associated with the Quarry at present, the Feasibility Study that evaluates cleanup alternatives, and the Proposed Plan that summarizes the preferred alternative.

The documents may be reviewed at Cobbs Hall Library at Lindenwood College, the Spencer Creek Library at St. Peters, the Kathryn Linneman Branch Library at St. Charles, the Francis Howell High School Library and the Public Reading Room at the Weldon Spring Site. An Informational Bulletin outlining plans described in the documents also is available at the libraries and at the Weldon Spring Site Remedial Action Project Community Relations Office.

McCracken said that all interested citizens are encouraged to review the documents, attend the meeting and to mail their written comments to the U. S. Department of Energy, 7295 Highway 94 South, St. Charles, Mo 63303.

"Comments received with postmarks dated by April 9 will

become part of the Administrative Record and will be considered in the Record of Decision," McCracken said. He pointed out that this next phase will achieve significant progress in the Quarry cleanup and should be of interest to everyone in St. Charles County.

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