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**Subject: Prompt Public Notification of Contamination Locations to Prevent Future Exposures at Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) St. Louis Sites**

Dear Colonel Mitchell:

This letter is being sent to you in urgency regarding the FUSRAP St. Louis Sites and pertains to the extent of communication with property owners and other affected parties at locations where contamination has been found. As you are aware, the FUSRAP properties are not owned nor controlled by the Federal Government. They are most often occupied by businesses or are part of a publicly accessible green space bordering and including the Mississippi River in the City of St. Louis and Coldwater Creek in north St. Louis County. Given the accessibility of these properties, we request the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) provide prompt notification to regulators, impacted landowners, municipalities, and utility companies in areas where FUSRAP contamination is identified outside of expected boundaries.

We appreciate the willingness of USACE staff to support impacted landowners and utility companies while having to contend with FUSRAP funding limitations. However, given that prevention of exposure and unforeseen movement of materials is highly dependent upon public awareness, we believe that these notification efforts should be paramount to other efforts in providing remediation support to the affected community. Therefore, in addition to this letter requesting that notification efforts not be delayed by limited resources, we are also directing correspondence to Ms. Jo-Ellen Darcy, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), requesting that expanded funding of the St. Louis FUSRAP projects be a top priority within the Civil Works Budget. This priority funding would then allow your team to accelerate complete remediation of these sites. A copy of that letter is enclosed.



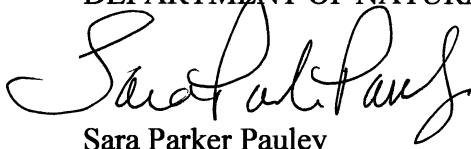
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If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter in more detail, we can be reached at the following phone numbers; Ms. Parker Pauley at (573) 522-6221 and Ms. Vasterling at (573) 751-6001.

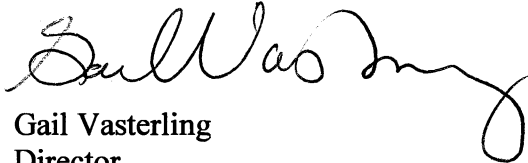
Sincerely,

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Director

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Enclosure