March 24, 1989

Dr. Wanda McDaniel, Superintendent
Francis Howell School District
7001 Highway 94 South
St. Charles, Missouri 63303

Dear Dr. McDaniel:

FORMER USES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION CENTER, WELDON SPRING, MISSOURI

According to a U. S. Army Toxic and Hazardous Material 1977 report the facilities at the former University of Missouri Agricultural Extension Center was constructed as a part of the Weldon Spring Ordnance Works in 1941. The buildings were the "Box Factory" which produced boxes for the explosives to be packed in. The packing of the boxes apparently occurred in a series of buildings located in the explosives production areas to the west of the Extension Center.

The Box Factory was transferred to the University of Missouri in 1949. The University used the facilities for storage of materials used at their experimental farm prior to and during the operation of their extension office. The experimental farm operated until 1978 when 7200 acres were sold to the Missouri Department of Conservation. The Extension Center operated until 1988.

The Department of Army transferred land to the Atomic Energy Commission in 1954 for construction of a uranium feed materials plant which converted processed ore into uranium metal until 1966. During this time, the University operated the Extension Center. No radioactive materials were taken onto or stored at the Extension Center. In 1985-86 Oak Ridge Associated Universities performed a detailed radiological survey of the area surrounding the uranium processing facility. This survey included the roads, rail line and fenced perimeter of the Extension Center. No elevated levels of radiation were observed and, based on the use of the property, no additional studies were required.

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The Extension Center is located uphill of all Ordnance Works and uranium processing facilities and therefore could not receive run-off from these areas.

If you have any additional questions please call.

Sincerely,

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Weldon Spring Site
Remedial Action Project

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