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Dear Mr. Geller:

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES REQUEST FOR EXTENSION FOR REVIEW OF DRAFT FINAL RECORD OF DECISION FOR THE GROUNDWATER OPERABLE UNIT AT THE CHEMICAL PLANT AREA

This is in reply to your letter dated December 31, 2004, requesting an extension of the review period for the draft final Record of Decision for the Final Remedial Action for the Groundwater Operable Unit at the Chemical Plant Area.

Review requirements for this document (the draft Final) were established in a letter from the U.S. Department of Energy to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 7 dated August 28, 2001. The 30-day review of this draft Final Record of Decision is the last step in a very careful and thorough process. Specifically, it builds on your previous 60 and 30 day reviews of the draft and draft final Proposed Plan and your 60 day review of the draft Record of Decision for Groundwater.

While we appreciate your stated concern for appropriate consideration and evaluation, the remedy has been the subject of a long and significant technical discussion by all parties. Investigation of the groundwater at the Chemical Plant Area began in 1985 with initial well drilling and sampling. Data has been collected continuously since, including a focused Remedial Investigation beginning in 1995. Since 1985, over 100 groundwater sampling locations have yielded over 125,000 individual analyses. Deliberation on the groundwater remedy has been exhaustive. Field testing likewise has been extensive, including dye trace studies, pump tests, pump and treat with artificial recharge and in-situ chemical oxidation.

We recognize that MDNR would like the draft Final ROD to contain additional technical detail. However that preference is inconsistent with EPA's guidance, which defers that information to the Remedial Design/Remedial Action work plan. At this point we do not believe an extension would result

in new information or ideas being brought to bear. Please provide any final thoughts you may have regarding the draft final ROD by January 20, 2004.

Sincerely,

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