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Dear Mr. ~~McCracken~~: Steve

In response to the public comment period for the review of the proposed plan for the groundwater operable unit at the Weldon Spring Site, we would like to make the following suggestions and comments.

St. Charles County fully supports the recommendations for the Groundwater Operable Unit cleanup stated by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

An addendum should be added to the Record of Decision allowing for a fully operational site specific Stewardship plan. St. Charles County recommends not using a general Stewardship guidance document. A site specific Stewardship Plan should state detailed institutional Controls, including provisions for an annual or semi-annual offsite groundwater monitoring program at selected points.

A five year review process of water monitoring is too long of a time period. If offsite contaminated water is detected and not acted upon for five years, such as occurrence could unduly jeopardize or compromise response/remedial actions.

Regarding the final WSSRAP Stewardship Plan, we would suggest after the close of the project, the transferring of some portion of current local DOE funding to WSSRAP Stewardship local activities. This could include activities in the future such as groundwater monitoring and the Weldon Spring Citizen Commission. An extended term WSSRAP Stewardship program would be well served by one part-time hydrology consultant staff monitoring WSSRAP groundwater. This position may be housed within the St. Charles County Division of Environmental Services.

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the closing cleanup actions proposed at the Weldon Spring site.

Sincerely,

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