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February 26, 1998

Mr. Stephen H. McCracken
U. S. Department of Energy
Weldon Spring Remedial Action Project
7295 Highway 94 South
St. Charles, MO 63304

Dear Mr. McCracken:

The Proposed Plan For Remedial Action At the Quarry Residuals Operable Unit Of The Weldon Spring Site (January 8, 1998) is generally acceptable to the Missouri Department of Conservation. We are pleased to note that the proposed action includes proactive measures to reduce groundwater contamination. Impacts of quarry contaminants on fish and wildlife resources appear to be minimal, based on comparatively low amounts measured in surface water and soil and on the absence of observable effects on animal populations.

We anticipate some impacts of the remediation activity on public use of the Weldon Spring Conservation Area in the vicinity of the proposed interceptor trench during its construction. Recreational use of the conservation area should be interrupted as little as possible during the construction and remediation period. We will appreciate efforts to minimize noise, dust, sediment and aesthetic intrusions to the extent practical. We would prefer not to have the water treatment facility located on the conservation area.

It is understood that the primary concern about quarry residuals is potential for contaminant migration in groundwater to the St. Charles County well field. Groundwater contamination is also a concern to our agency, as impacted landowner. We recommend that the Record of Decision establish specific goals for determining effectiveness of the interceptor trench in reducing contaminant levels and the value of continuing its operation beyond the proposed two-year trial period.

Sincerely,

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