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Ms. Pamela Thompson, Project Manager
U.S. Department of Energy
Weldon Spring Site Remedial Action Project
7295 Highway 94 South
St. Charles, MO 63304

RE: *Draft Final Record of Decision (ROD) for Final Remedial Action For The Groundwater Operable Unit at the Chemical Plant Area of the Weldon Spring Site, (December 2003)*

Dear Ms. Thompson:

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources received the *Draft Final Record of Decision (ROD) for Final Remedial Action For The Groundwater Operable Unit at the Chemical Plant Area of the Weldon Spring Site* on December 22, 2003. The proposed period for public and regulatory agency review of this document is thirty days. We respectfully request you extend the review period by thirty days.

As this final and perhaps most critical ROD for the Weldon Spring Site Remedial Action Project (WSSRAP) proposes Monitored Natural Attenuation (MNA) as the remedy for residual groundwater contamination, many issues need to be considered. Long-term monitoring, institutional controls, and potential contingency actions designed to protect the site for many generations, will be a part of the final remedy identified. Previous Draft-Final RODs were issued with a sixty-day comment period. Considering the importance and long term implications of this final decision document, it is appropriate to give the same degree of consideration and evaluation afforded previous RODs for the WSSRAP site. This extension request is particularly important considering the document was submitted for review is over an extended holiday season.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, comments or require any further clarification, please contact me at (573) 751-3907, or by mail at P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0176.



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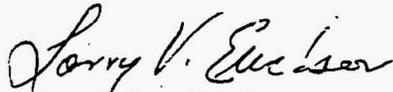
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Sincerely,

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