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Dear Mr. Van Fossen:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has received and reviewed the Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis for the Proposed Removal Action at the Southeast Drainage Near the Weldon Spring Site, Weldon Spring, Missouri. The U.S. Department of Energy has evaluated the risks by the contamination found in the Southeast Drainage to aquatic and terrestrial biota and has determined that there are no risks to terrestrial biota and little risk to aquatic biota except for PCBs. We agree with the conclusion that any removal of contaminated sediment and ongoing cleanup of contaminant sources at the chemical plant would result in reducing risks currently posed by the site.

The Service concurs that the chosen removal alternative is protective of the environment and minimizes environmental impacts. The proposed action as described is not likely to adversely affect federally-listed threatened or endangered species.

We appreciate the opportunity to review the subject document and offer our comments. Should you have questions concerning this response, or if we can be of any further assistance, please contact Ms. Colette Charbonneau at the address or telephone numbers listed above, at extension 108.

Sincerely,

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