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FACILITY: Cotter Corporation's Former Site at
Latty Avenue, Hazelwood, Missouri

SUBJECT: MEETING IN JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, WITH
MISSOURI STATE OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS THE
STATUS OF THE FORMER COTTER SITE

ATTENDEES:

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Discussion

The meeting was opened by the NRC staff and the following reasons for the meeting were presented: first, to introduce some of the NRC staff to appropriate state officials who share similar concerns about the contaminated sites in the St. Louis area and, secondly, to discuss the status of the Latty Avenue property formerly occupied by Cotter Corporation. The history of the Latty Avenue site was reviewed including the current status. A progress report was given on the radiological survey performed by ORNL and the state was informed that NRC had contracted with Ford, Bacon and Davis to perform an engineering evaluation of the site. Also mentioned were the meetings between NRC and Cotter officials and Mr. Jarboe.

The reason for the visit to the Latty Avenue site on Thursday and the plans to visit the following other sites was also discussed:

1. St. Louis Airport
2. ERDA Quarry in Weldon Spring
3. West Lake Landfill
4. Weldon Spring Site

The state's opinion of these sites was solicited as well as their opinions with regard to the suitability of these sites for receiving the contaminated soil from Latty Avenue, if the engineering evaluation indicated that some would have to be removed.

The state offered the following opinions of these sites:

1. St. Louis Airport -
The state did not know much about this site but that in their opinion it could be politically disastrous.
2. ERDA Quarry Weldon Spring -
There is evidence that the Quarry has communication with the Missouri River and that the state would not consider it suitable for the disposal of cardboard boxes.
3. Westlake Landfill -
This site has communication with the groundwater to such extent that the state will not allow it to be used for disposal of sanitary wastes.
4. Weldon Spring Site -
The state could not offer a firm opinion but felt that it might be acceptable.

The state was asked if they could suggest any alternative sites in Missouri. They stated that they had not given it any thought, but they would look around and inform NRC if they could locate any.

The state voiced a complaint about the provisions of 10 CFR 20.304 which authorizes disposal of radioactive material by burial in soil. In the state of Missouri, the DNR has the responsibility for the disposal of all hazardous materials by burial except for radioactive wastes, which is specifically exempted from their purview. These wastes are controlled by the NRC and the Missouri Division of Health. DNR is concerned that people could dispose of highly toxic material that contains only a few microcuries of radioactive material and not be subject to their regulations. DNR requested a list of licensees in Missouri so that they could contact them and find out what material is being buried. Representatives of the Division of Health told DNR that they had lists of all licensees, and there were approximately 300 at this time.

In closing, the staff reemphasized the reasons for their visit, which were to meet them and bring them up to date on the Latty Avenue study, to get their opinion of the other four sites, and to solicit their suggestions of

any other sites that might be suitable for disposing of the Latty Avenue material. Also, that the NRC would be in touch with them from time to time to keep them informed and that no actions would be taken unless these actions were first discussed with the appropriate state officials. DNR was invited to accompany us on the site visits on Thursday and Friday. The invitation was declined since a member of the Division of Health was going along.



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