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Dear Colonels Hall and Sexton:

On behalf of Region 7 of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, I appreciate the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers' thoughtful, prompt consideration of this agency's request for the Corps' expert assistance in discharging EPA duties at the West Lake Landfill National Priority List site in St. Louis County. Your technical assistance will provide valuable input as EPA moves forward on selecting and implementing a preferred alternative at the site.

Preliminary discussions among our staffs concerning specific activities the Corps may be tasked to do at the site have advanced well to date. I have directed my Region 7 Superfund, Counsel, and Environmental Services senior leaders to render promptly supply all information the Corps needs to execute an Interagency Agreement that launches our joint effort. The EPA Office of Research and Development, which has been a key Region 7 technical adviser, will also assist in this phase of the project.

This agency appreciates the community's need to be both informed and assured that their well-being remains central to our joint work. Work underway by the St. Louis District on FUSRAP sites establishes the Corps' reputation for top-flight engineering, construction management, and environmental remediation. Region 7 has worked well with the Kansas City District on many projects

As we near execution of an IAG between the EPA and Corps, I want to outline how Region 7 conceives the four primary objectives guiding this agency's request for USACE expertise:

1. Construction Oversight of the isolation barrier that EPA and the State of Missouri have ordered the Potentially Responsible Parties to complete to securely separate the SSE located in the Bridgeton Landfill portion of the West Lake NPL site from the Operable Units established by the EPA to facilitate long-term remediation of radiologically-contaminated material;

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2. Technical Assistance to this agency in exercising its lead agency Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act oversight duties of PRP submissions connected to the isolation barrier and long-term environmental remediation obligations;
3. Design Review of work plans and related PRP submissions to assure the work required of the PRPs secures this agency's obligation to keep protecting the community from risks posed by the RIM at the West Lake NPL site;

4. Community Relations to assist this agency in keeping the community and their elected officials informed about the status of work and the conditions at the West Lake NPL.

To assist in discussions aimed at finalizing a Statement of Work that will become incorporated into the IAG and to devise prompt means of funding Corps work, I have identified the following as Region7's point of contact is Jeffrey Field, Chief, Missouri/Kansas Remedial Branch, 913-551-7548, field.jeff@epa.gov.

Whenever I can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact me directly at 913-551-7006.

Sincerely,

Karl Brooks