

Site: Westlake Ldfl.
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Mr. David A. Shorr
 Director
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 P.O. Box 176
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Dear Mr. Shorr:

In response to your letter dated June 29, 1990, Westlake Landfill was proposed for inclusion on the National Priorities List (NPL) on October 26, 1989. EPA Headquarters currently anticipates publishing Final Rule 9, which will result in the promulgation of Westlake Landfill on the NPL, in the Federal Register later this month.

We share your concerns regarding the Westlake Landfill, and agree that further investigations and actions should be coordinated with all appropriate state and federal agencies. We are currently undertaking discussions with our Office of Regional Counsel to determine the most appropriate approach to identifying and addressing the various contaminants and potentially responsible parties associated with the site. At this time, we anticipate assuming the role as the lead regulatory agency. However, we would welcome any input you wish to provide concerning the site.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the Westlake Landfill, please contact me at (913)551-7670 or Diana Newman of my staff at (913)551-7887.

Sincerely yours,

David A. Wagoner
 Director
 Waste Management Division

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June 29, 1990

Mr. David Wagoner, Director
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Dear Mr. Wagoner:

I was very pleased to note that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed in October of 1989 to place the Westlake Landfill Site on the National Priorities List (NPL). I also understand that in October of 1989 the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) initiated an enforcement action against the Cotter Corporation as the responsible party in regard to the low-level radioactive waste at the site. The Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) has been concerned about this site for over ten years and I am encouraged to see activity begin which will lead to a cleanup.

However, I am concerned that these two federal actions seem to be completely separate and totally uncoordinated. Negotiations between the NRC and the Cotter Corporation have been taking place since October of 1989, but neither the EPA nor the MDNR have been a party to these negotiations. Since there appear to be other uncontrolled nonradioactive hazardous substances at the site, I believe that it is essential that any further investigations and actions be coordinated with all appropriate state and federal agencies. Unilateral actions could make the eventual cleanup more difficult and expensive.

I would like to inquire as to the present status of the proposed NPL listing and your estimate as to date of the final listing. I assume that listing on the NPL will allow you to assume the role of lead agency and coordinator on this project. Therefore, I urge that this listing be finalized as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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