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Satisfactory progress, during this fifth year of the Agreement In Support, has been made by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources in its oversight role at the Weldon Spring(WSSRAP) site. Staffing issues during this year have been a challenge with the resignation of an Environmental Specialist (ES) in June 1997 and the death of Robert Stovall, Environmental Engineer (EE) II in August 1997. Currently, we have been able to fill the ES position and also the field office EE position, with the EE II position at the Jefferson City office vacant.

During this period, a contract laboratory has been secured. This lab contract allows for analysis of either/or radiological or chemically contaminated media samples. This has helped to allow analysis and QA/QC comparisons to the WSSRAP data. Also, continued progress and participation in workgroup meetings on work packages at the site, oversight of the Feasibility Study/Proposed Plan (FS/PP) for the two remaining operable units (Groundwater and Quarry Residuals), coordination between the Department of Energy (DOE) and the various State regulatory programs and interactions with the local public drinking water supply agency and health departments has been accomplished.

We have attempted to have representation at most of the monthly meetings of the Weldon Spring Citizens Commission. Presentations to the Commission were made on various site issues providing a forum for an exchange of information or discussion of technical concerns. Other community involvement efforts, aside from the day-to-day presence of the field office, includes participation at the open house opportunities at the WSSRAP site and Missouri Department of Natural Resource (MDNR) open house/town meetings held in the St. Charles and St. Louis area.

As mentioned previously, much of this years efforts has focused on review and comment of the FS/PP for the Quarry Residuals and Groundwater operable units. Oversight of the disposal cell construction, Chemical Stabilization and Solidification (CSS) construction, in-situ CSS of the Nitro soils pile, recycling, on-site treatment of PCB contaminated waste and vicinity properties remedial actions were among the major efforts expended by the technical unit this report period. Close tracking of the continued fiscal support from Congress for this project remains a concern for the State. These concerns and maintaining support for adequate funding of the project are being pursued at many levels within MDNR and State government.

The budget submittal for the sixth year of the Agreement In Support reflects realistic

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cost estimates for continued oversight of the cell construction, which has a very aggressive work target for this construction season and anticipates the work involved with moving the Quarry Residuals and Groundwater operable units toward the Record of Decision. Other areas such as community relations and coordination with local and state agencies will continue to be met.