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Attention Elementary, Middle, Vocational and High Schools in Missouri:

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Center for Safe Schools and the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education have joined together to create the 2008 Missouri School Chemical Cleanout Project. The school chemical cleanout project will remove outdated, dangerous and unstable laboratory and other instructional use chemical from elementary, middle, vocational and high schools in Missouri. This project will provide a wonderful opportunity for schools throughout the state to dispose of their unsafe chemicals at very little cost. This project will not only ensure a safe learning space for Missouri's students, but also a safe environment.

If chosen for the program, your school will be required to pay a \$100 nonrefundable registration fee as a hazardous waste generator. Depending on the amount of hazardous waste the school is disposing of, the school could also be required to pay the In-State Waste Fee. The minimum In-State Waste Fee is \$150. However, if your school has more than 30 tons of waste the rate is \$5 per ton or portion of a ton. The Department of Natural Resources will bill your school for this fee, if applicable. This billing will be based on the reporting information you are required to submit after the waste is shipped from your school.

On two separate occasions, the state of Tennessee was confronted with school lab explosions, and fortunately no one was injured in these events. The resulting cleanups cost nearly \$300,000. Tennessee took the lead in addressing the issue. The state of Missouri is now taking a proactive approach to cleaning chemicals that are no longer needed in school labs or for instructional use out of schools to prevent a similar incident from occurring in Missouri.

This project will make great strides in reducing and eliminating potential environmental and safety risks and encourages the environmentally sound use of chemicals as teaching tools. Through this project, schools will also be given the chance to educate themselves on proper chemical management and safety procedures.

In this application package, you will find several items to assist you in preparing your application for submission. Applications must be postmarked by May 16, 2008. Please read through them and return your application as soon as possible. Please forward your completed application to:

Missouri Department of Natural Resources
Environmental Services Program
P.O. Box 176
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0176

We hope you will take this opportunity to apply for the 2008 Missouri School Chemical Cleanout Project. We look forward to assisting you in making Missouri schools safer. If you have any additional questions, please contact Alan Reinkemeyer at (573) 526-3315 or 1-800-361-4827.

Sincerely,

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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