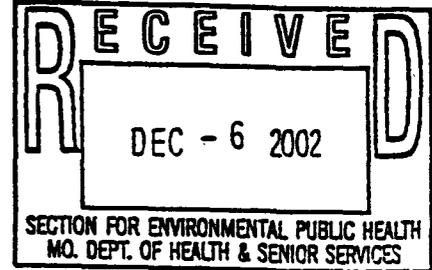


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December 3, 2002



**Denise Jordan-Izaguirro
Senior Regional Representative
ATSDR Region VII
Robert J. Dole Federal Courthouse
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RE: Rental Of Housing In Herculaneum

Dear Denise:

As I promised to you, I am writing to explain Doe Run's interest in re-renting properties. We would like to understand if there is a reason why Doe Run cannot rent our properties.

Our thought is that we would like to rent the properties within the property purchase area out to generate some income to help pay for upkeep and to be fair to the neighbors who do not want to live next to a vacant home. At this time, and until the potential re-contamination issues are resolved, we would only rent to adults. Leases could be limited until January 2005 in case it is decided that we will not be able to rent or sell the properties in the long run.

"Following the purchase of a home, Doe Run shall leave the residence vacant until such time as either Doe Run demolishes the residence or the re-deposition studies, which will use monitoring that begins after June 1, 2002, are complete and the Department of Health and Senior Services, the MDNR, the City and Doe Run agree re-occupancy of a residence is not a risk to human health."

"Upon notification, MDNR, in consultation with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, may approve exceptions to any residency prohibition requirements of the Settlement Agreement or the Purchase Plan on a case-by-case basis."

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EPA has been saying that re-contamination has not been occurring in the yards at this point. I would appreciate your perspective from a health agency stand point.

Thank you for your assistance.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Clifton W. Gray', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Clifton W. Gray
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.cc: Scott Clardy