

SAMPLE LETTER

November 1, 2002

Ms. Deborah Orr
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency
77 W. Jackson Blvd. (SE-4J)
Chicago, Illinois 60604-3507

Dear Ms. Orr:

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency supports the City of West Monroe's efforts to apply for and obtain a \$200,000 Brownfields Assessment Grant and a \$400,000 Brownfields Cleanup Grant from U.S. EPA.

Illinois EPA has previously partnered with the City of West Monroe to investigate contamination and land use issues at brownfields properties within the city's former industrial corridor. City officials have successfully managed an Illinois brownfields grant and are experienced with our voluntary Site Remediation Program, having earned a No Further Remediation letter for an abandoned foundry last year.

Using the U.S. EPA brownfields grants, the City of West Monroe would continue its revitalization of the old industrial corridor. The city plans to assess and clean up three adjacent brownfields properties, one of which is an abandoned gas station. West Monroe has acquired these sites for development of a Community Recreation Center that would bring ice-skating and indoor soccer to the area.

The City of West Monroe recognizes the importance of environmental cleanup in improving the quality of life for its residents. Award of the Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup Grants would greatly expand West Monroe's cleanup capacity and help clear impediments to the reuse of brownfield sites within the community.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 217-785-9407 or by E-mail at gary.king@epa.state.il.us

Sincerely,

Gary P. King, Manager
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