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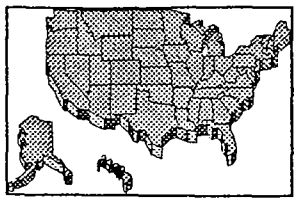

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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

Dear Interested Party:

As part of the ongoing effort to discuss environmental issues in the Metro East area, the partners of the Gateway Initiative, and the St. Louis Regional Commerce and Growth Association will hold an afternoon session to discuss the concept of Good Neighbor Dialogues.

Good Neighbor Dialogues are arrangements between a company or a facility and the nearby community that provide information to the public regarding that facility's operations. Components of these agreements may be regular public meetings, site tours, community advisory panels and commitments from the company regarding certain production issues. Information regarding these agreements is attached.

The meeting will be held on:

DATE: Tuesday, September 26
TIME: 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
PLACE: Gateway Convention Center, Collinsville near Exit 11--IL 157 and Interstate 55/70

An agenda and a map to the Convention Center are attached.

We are very excited to bring this information to the Gateway region. Good Neighbor Dialogues have been implemented nationwide among numerous facilities, community members and local governments and have proven to be very successful. Community members and local officials are pleased to have more information about their industrial neighbor, and companies are pleased that many of these efforts have been influential in developing cost saving pollution prevention programs. In short, all agree that working together to improve the environment creates a better neighborhood and a greater sense of accomplishment among all parties.

The session is intended to provide all individuals interested in environmental matters in the Gateway area, including the media, a forum to look at current environmental conditions and explore innovative ways to improve the environment. We will also present information on recent Gateway successes and the future direction that the initiative will take.

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The agenda is planned to be quite interactive so we hope a broad cross-section of interested parties will attend to discuss this issue in a cooperative manner. The session will be facilitated by Ellen Carpenter of Clean Sites, Inc. Clean Sites is a neutral, not for profit, facilitation firm that brings together different parties regarding environmental issues.

We certainly hope that you will be able to attend. For those of you who cannot attend the afternoon session, staff from the various agencies associated with the Gateway Initiative will be available at 11:00 am at the Convention Center to answer any questions you may have. Please feel free to stop by and talk to them.

Please return the enclosed RSVP form either by mail or by fax no later than Thursday, September 21, 1995. If you plan on bringing a guest, please indicate that on the form.

If you have any questions on the session or on the Gateway Initiative (see attached fact sheet), please contact John Perrecone at (312) 353-1149 or toll-free at 1-800-621-8431.

We look forward to your attendance.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. E. Muno

William E. Muno, Acting Director
Waste Management Director

Attachments

1) Good Neighbor Dialogue information
2) Agenda
3) Map
4) Gateway Initiative Fact Sheet
5) Response Form

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