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Resolution

CITY OF BRIDGETON

RESOLUTION NO. R-06-10

BY: Mrs. Waitman

Councilmembers: Abram, Borton, Eaker,
Fehrenbacher, Kasprzyk, Pickett, Simmons

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON, MISSOURI, ASKING THE EPA TO RECOMMEND THE REMOVAL OF NORTH COUNTY RADIOACTIVE WASTES IN THE WEST LAKE LANDFILL SITE

- WHEREAS, sixty-one years ago, the U.S. government began processing uranium at Mallinckrodt, and from 1946 until 1957 the wastes were trucked to a 23 acre tract at the St. Louis Airport on Brown Road, on the banks of Cold Water Creek and were dumped there; and
- WHEREAS, some wastes were later trucked to Latty Avenue in Hazelwood for drying and shipping, with dispersal along the haul roads; and
- WHEREAS, in 1973 West Lake Landfill was illegally used by contractors hired to clean up Latty Avenue; and
- WHEREAS, the radioactive waste at West Lake Landfill totaling 16 acres in OU1 and about 30 acres in OU2, in Bridgeton, is in the Missouri River flood plain; and the New Madrid earthquake fault; and
- WHEREAS, the radioactive waste has surficially contaminated land west of OU2, known as the Ford Property, when erosion of soil from the landfill berm resulted in the transport of radiologically contaminated soils; and
- WHEREAS, West Lake Landfill is not a location designed to store radioactive waste; and
- WHEREAS, EPA placed the site on the Superfund National Priorities List (NPL) in 1990; and
- WHEREAS, in the fall of 1997, the Department of Energy began to exhume the Airport Site waste, shortly before the Corps of Engineers took over the St. Louis remediation project; and
- WHEREAS, it is the obligation of those living here today to let the EPA know that we want the cleanup continued and completed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. That the EPA be notified that we want their St. Louis cleanup funding continued until the remaining wastes are removed.
- Section 2. That it be understood that institutional control, i.e. deed and zoning restrictions, is not solving the problem but simply abdicating it once again to future generations, while the contamination continues to spread

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Section 3. That this Resolution shall become a permanent part of the records of the City of Bridgeton upon its passage and approval.

PASSED THIS Nineteenth DAY OF July, 2006

APPROVED THIS Nineteenth DAY OF July, 2006.


Conrad W. Bowers, Mayor

ATTEST:


Carole A. Stahlhut, City Clerk

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