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Mr. Karl Brooks, Administrator
US EPA Region VII
11201 Renner Blvd
Lenexa, KS 66219

Re: Radium Contamination in Groundwater
Bridgeton/Westlake Landfills

Dear Administrator Brooks:

St. Louis County is aware that radium contamination has been detected in groundwater samples around the Westlake and Bridgeton Landfills. St. Louis County also understands that the radium contamination is not anticipated from the known contaminants deposited in those landfills.

The purpose of this correspondence is to stress St. Louis County's concerns about the source and extent of this radium contamination. St. Louis County recognizes that EPA VII is working with the environmental and health agencies of Missouri to try to resolve the radium presence. St. Louis County is also aware that the USGS is partnering with EPA VII on the Westlake efforts.

St. Louis County strongly encourages EPA VII to work with its partners to expeditiously determine the source and extent of the radium contamination as well as its acute and chronic health effects on the residents of St. Louis County, especially those in the immediate proximity of the two landfills.

We also continue to have great concerns regarding the subsurface smoldering event at the landfill and the potential environmental and health impacts this event has created.

My staff and I would appreciate a response and briefing about the efforts to date and planned efforts to alleviate our concerns. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



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County Executive

cc: Senator Roy Blunt, United States Senate
Congressman William Lacy Clay, Jr., 1st Congressional District
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