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Dear Dr. Brooks,

I am writing in regard to the West Lake Landfill, located in Bridgeton, Missouri. The 200 acre West Lake Landfill became radiologically contaminated in 1973 when soils mixed with uranium ore processing residues were used as daily cover in the landfilling operation, and the site was added to the Environmental Protection Agency's National Priority List of hazardous sites in 1990.

First, I want to thank you for your response to my previous letter regarding the West Lake Landfill. I appreciate your commitment to ensuring that local residents and other concerned citizens are provided access to information and issue experts. I also appreciate your commitment to updating the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) web page with answers to questions submitted at the most recent public meeting that you did not have time to answer.

Going forward, I urge you to work closely with local community organizations as you continue your efforts on the West Lake Landfill. It is my understanding that the Missouri Coalition for the Environment (MCE), a citizen's non-profit organization, has coordinated with your agency to submit questions regarding the West Lake Landfill on a monthly basis. I share their belief that local residents will be best served if organizations like MCE are provided a regular opportunity to submit written questions to your agency for response in a timely manner, and I ask that you make every possible effort to accommodate their requests.

Additionally, I know that many local residents are frustrated by what they view as an unacceptably lengthy delay in determining and carrying-out a final plan to remediate the radioactive waste at the West Lake Landfill. I appreciate that EPA has provided some information regarding forthcoming rounds of sampling. However, I believe that local residents deserve to be provided with additional information regarding the time-table for completing testing, making a final determination on how remediation should be accomplished, and initiating remediation activities on the site. I respectfully request that you develop and make public a time-table as soon as possible.

I will be closely monitoring developments in this important matter. Thank you, in advance, for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

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