

RESOLUTION

NO. 130501

SPONSOR: Councilman Schroeder

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLACK JACK,
MISSOURI, REQUESTING THE EPA TO RECOMMEND THE REMOVAL OF NORTH COUNTY
RADIOACTIVE WASTES

WHEREAS, sixty-one years ago, the U.S. government began processing uranium at Mallinckrodt Chemical Company, and from 1946 until 1957 the resulting 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 adjoining 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 is in the Missouri River flood plain and along the New Madrid earthquake fault zone; and

WHEREAS the radioactive waste has surficially contaminated land, known as the Ford Property, when erosion of soil from the landfill berm resulted in the transport of radiologically contaminated soils; and

WHEREAS, The West Lake Landfill is not a location that was designed to store radioactive waste; and

WHEREAS, the 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 a known fact of the dangers radiation pose to the residents of the area. It is the obligation of the Federal Government as the generator of the waste to take full responsibility and should be a priority for the complete cleanup of the area until it is made safe for the residents.

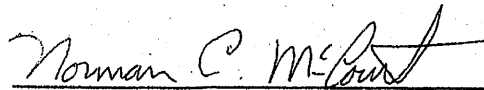
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLACK JACK MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

That Senator McCaskill, Senator Blunt and Representative Clay are notified that we want St. Louis cleanup funding continued until all remaining wastes are totally removed from North County.

The City of Black Jack requests the United States Congress to transfer the authority for the remediation of the radioactive wastes from the EPA to the Corps of Engineers' FUSRAP project; with the urgent, related request that the wastes be excavated from the Missouri River floodplain, including Cold Water Creek and be transported to a licensed radioactive waste facility ---so it no longer poses a hazard to the residents of the surrounding communities.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLACK JACK, MISSOURI
ON THE 7th DAY OF MAY, 2013

ATTEST:



Norman C. McCourt, Mayor



Karen Robinson, MRCC-C/CMC
City Clerk