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House Concurrent Resolution No. 46

97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES ENGLISH (Sponsor), HUBBARD, BURNS, WALTON GRAY,
BUTLER, PACE AND PETERS (Co-sponsors).

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WHEREAS, each of us expect and deserve safe drinking water. In Missouri, our sources
2 of water supply continue to be pure and plentiful; and
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WHEREAS, water absorbs naturally occurring minerals as it travels over the surface of
4 the land or through the ground, and may also pick up substances resulting from animal and
5 human activity; and
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WHEREAS, substances and contaminants that could be present in source water include:
7 microbes, organic and inorganic chemicals, pesticides and herbicides, as well as dangerous
8 radioactive materials; and
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WHEREAS, exposure to radioactive particles and rays released by uranium and related
10 materials increase cancer and other life-threatening diseases, and may cause genetic mutations
11 and birth defects; and
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WHEREAS, in 1973, contractors responsible for cleaning up Latty Avenue illegally
13 dumped large amounts of Latty/Airport residues at West Lake Landfill in Bridgeton, after drying
14 and shipping operations had been abandoned; and
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WHEREAS, West Lake is in the Missouri River floodplain, and some of the buried
16 radioactive wastes are already in contact with the groundwater that flows into the Missouri River,
17 upstream from drinking water intakes for North St. Louis County and the City of St. Louis; and
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WHEREAS, West Lake Landfill is adjacent to the Earth City levee, and since levees can
19 fail, the radioactive materials at West Lake could be released in an uncontrolled manner into the
20 Missouri River; and
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WHEREAS, in order to ensure the safety of tap water, the federal Environmental
22 Protection Agency, along with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, collaboratively
23 regulates the amount of contaminants allowed in public drinking water to ensure the safety of
24 Missouri public drinking water:
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the House of
26 Representatives of the Ninety-seventh General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate
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35 concurring therein, hereby request American Water Company to quarterly test the drinking water
36 at the North County Water Treatment Facility in order to assure the presence of dangerous
37 contaminants are never present; and

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39 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
40 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for American
41 Water Company and Sara Parker Pauley, the Director of the Missouri Department of Natural
42 Resources.

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