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Senator Wright-Jones Testifies Before Officials Regarding Cleanup of Local Waste Site

JEFFERSON CITY – A 30-day public comment period recently gave Sen. Robin Wright-Jones, D-St. Louis, the opportunity to testify before Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) officials to discuss options for cleaning up the Carter Carburetor Superfund Site found between the 2800 and 2840 block of North Spring Street in north St. Louis.

“I testified before the EPA officials to ask for a swift and safe solution that will permanently eliminate this problem, which has been present in our community for more than 20 years,” said Sen. Wright-Jones. “The long-delayed cleanup of this site has left more than an environmental hazard, it is also an eyesore that contributes to the economic and societal decline in the area.”

The Carter Carburetor Site, which operated from the 1930s until it closed in the 1984, manufactured gasoline and diesel carburetors. Since the closure of the plant, unacceptable levels of contaminants (polychlorinated biphenyls, trichloroethylene, and asbestos) have been found at the site. Efforts were taken in 1997 to conduct a time-critical removal action to address areas of the site where contamination was most severe. Three buildings were demolished where there chemicals were used in the manufacturing process. Since then, additional clean-up options for the site have been recommended by the EPA.

“As the state senator for this neighborhood’s environmental justice, economic revival and healthy and safe families are priorities in my legislative work,” said Sen. Wright-Jones. “I would like to see Herbert Hoover Boys’ and Girls’ Club expand onto this site after total demolition and cleanup. I look forward to that day when we cut the ribbon.”

The public comment period opened on Sept. 27 and will close on Oct. 27. For more information on this issue or to find the next public meeting in your area, please contact Jan Lambert at (913) 551-7768 or lambert.janette@epa.gov.

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