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MARIA CHAPPELLE-NADAL
14TH DISTRICT

September 9, 2015

Sara Parker Pauley, Director
Department of Natural Resources
P.O. Box 176
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Re: Testing for Radiation Around Sunnen Business Park

Dear Ms. Pauley:

It has recently come to my attention that radioactive waste had been dumped in a landfill in the City of Maplewood. That landfill now is home to the Sunnen Business Park and St. Louis County Board of Elections. I am requesting the Department of Natural Resources begin testing for contamination and determine whether waste poses a danger to employees of the Park and the surrounding area.

Down the hill from Sunnen is Deer Creek and Rocket Park. Here is a recent news article detailing the history of the site in Maplewood (<http://40southnews.com/maplewood-history-the-big-bend-quarry/>.) Your analysis should include whether these areas have been contaminated as well. As we have seen with unlined landfills in North County, ground water is pushing the contaminants around. To date, no attention has been paid to this site or the surrounding area.

I request you forward any violations to the Attorney General's office for further action. Thank you for your attention to my concerns. I look forward to hearing back from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Maria Chappelle-Nadal".

MARIA CHAPPELLE-NADAL
State Senator, District 14

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cc: Chris Koster, Attorney General
James White, Mayor-Maplewood
All Councilmembers of Maplewood
Steve Kruse, Police Chief-Maplewood
Terry Merrell, Fire Chief-Maplewood