

# House Concurrent Resolution No. 11

## 98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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1           **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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4           **WHEREAS**, water absorbs naturally occurring minerals as it travels over the surface of  
5 the land or through the ground, and may also pick up substances resulting from animal and  
6 human activity; and

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8           **WHEREAS**, substances and contaminants that could be present in source water include:  
9 microbes, organic and inorganic chemicals, pesticides and herbicides, as well as dangerous  
10 radioactive materials; and

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12           **WHEREAS**, exposure to radioactive particles and rays released by uranium and related  
13 materials increase cancer and other life-threatening diseases, and may cause genetic mutations  
14 and birth defects; and

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16           **WHEREAS**, in 1973, contractors responsible for cleaning up Latty Avenue illegally  
17 dumped large amounts of Latty/Airport residues at West Lake Landfill in Bridgeton, after drying  
18 and shipping operations had been abandoned; and

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20           **WHEREAS**, West Lake is in the Missouri River floodplain, and some of the buried  
21 radioactive wastes are already in contact with the groundwater that flows into the Missouri River,  
22 upstream from drinking water intakes for North St. Louis County and the City of St. Louis; and

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24           **WHEREAS**, West Lake Landfill is adjacent to the Earth City levee, and since levees can  
25 fail, the radioactive materials at West Lake could be released in an uncontrolled manner into the  
26 Missouri River; and

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28           **WHEREAS**, in order to ensure the safety of tap water, the federal Environmental  
29 Protection Agency, along with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, collaboratively  
30 regulates the amount of contaminants allowed in public drinking water to ensure the safety of  
31 Missouri public drinking water:

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33           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of  
34 Representatives of the Ninety-eighth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate  
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 a properly inscribed copies of this resolution for  
41 American Water Company and Sara Parker Pauley, the Director of the Missouri Department of  
42 Natural Resources.

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