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Dear Dr. Gibbs:

Thank you for your September 25, 2014, letter to EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy. The administrator asked me to contact you on her behalf because Region 7 is leading this agency's complex efforts to protect the health of communities surrounding the West Lake Landfill Superfund Site.

I understand you will be visiting St. Louis this weekend and welcome you to the Heartland. Given the importance of keeping the public aware, I hope the Center for Health, Environment and Justice agrees that providing accurate facts about West Lake should be a top priority. In the interest of ensuring you have the most accurate information available, I invite you to visit with me and my Superfund team between October 14 and 17, either here in Kansas City or, if it is more convenient, by audio or video teleconference. My staff will be contacting you shortly to discuss this invitation.

While we may see this agency's West Lake work differently, we agree that EPA's mission is to protect public health from the radiological material at this Superfund Site. EPA Region 7 is leading a concurrent effort to establish a final remedy for the site while supporting the Missouri Department of Natural Resources' and Missouri Attorney General's work to protect public health from the subsurface smoldering event in the adjacent Bridgeton Landfill.

Again this week, in meetings with businesses working near the site and staff with the St. Louis-area congressional delegation, I reiterated this agency's judgment that all scientific information available to EPA indicates the site remains protective of public health. This agency continues collecting information and data needed to evaluate alternatives in accordance with the National Contingency Plan, and to select the final remedy to ensure the protection of public health into the future.

I look forward to meeting with you so that we can discuss the facts and dispel myths surrounding the site. I will share with you what EPA is doing to ensure the responsible parties take actions to protect public health into the future. I am particularly interested to hear your ideas about how we can work together moving forward to achieve a more informed and protected public.

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Again, thank you for your letter. If we can be of any further assistance, please feel free to contact me at 913-551-7006, or Lynn Slugantz at 913-551-7883.

Sincerely,

Karl Brooks

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