

**Conservation Federation of Missouri
2014 Resolutions**

Committee: Solid Waste, Hazardous Waste, and Recycling
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**CFM supports the DNR in their efforts to establish and implement a
robust, cleanup program for lead contaminated sites.**

WHEREAS, Missouri laws and legislation were passed by the Missouri Legislature and our Governor to authorize various state departments to act on behalf of the citizens of Missouri regarding environmental issues; and

WHEREAS, those laws empower authority through the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and its various citizen boards and commissions to act directly or advise the DNR to protect Missouri citizens, health and the environment; and

WHEREAS, Missouri citizens deserve land, air and water resources suitable for use now and into the future; and

WHEREAS, Missouri has a legacy of lead mining dating back to early settlement; and

WHEREAS, that legacy has resulted in contaminated sites totaling over 30,000 acres ranging in size from 7,000 acres to as small as a residential yard; and

WHEREAS, Missouri's total acreage of lead contamination exceeds the total acreage of all other federally listed hazardous waste sites (Superfund sites) in the United States; and

WHEREAS, lead and associated contamination negatively affects 231 stream miles in Missouri and has the potential to migrate to other rivers; and

WHEREAS, this contamination affects aquatic communities such as fish, mussels and crayfish; and

WHEREAS, fish consumption advisories exist on 133 miles of Missouri streams; and

WHEREAS, lead and associated contamination affects both Missouri state parks and conservation areas as well as federal and private lands; and

WHEREAS, lead is a known contaminant that can be present in the air, on land or water that seriously affects the brain development of children decreasing their life long potential; and

WHEREAS, lead contamination affects the current and potential use of an area; and

WHEREAS, lead contamination affects air, land and water resources; and

WHEREAS, the proper identification and remediation of these sites is essential for protection of human health, the environment and wildlife and to allow for appropriate future use: now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, MO, this 23rd day of March 2014, supports the Department of Natural Resources in their efforts to establish and implement a robust, cleanup program for lead contaminated sites.