

COUNCIL PENDING RESOLUTION 2014-06
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**RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NUCLEAR WASTE
REPOSITORY IN THE GREAT LAKES BASIN AT THE BRUCE NUCLEAR
GENERATING STATION IN ONTARIO, CANADA**

WHEREAS, Ontario Power Generation (OPG) is proposing to construct an underground long-term burial facility at the Bruce Nuclear Generating Station for all of Ontario Canada's low and intermediate level radioactive nuclear waste, some of which is highly radioactive and will remain toxic over 100,000 years; and

WHEREAS, this site is only about one kilometer inland from the shore of Lake Huron and about 400 meters below the lake level; and

WHEREAS, water is the earth's most important resource and should be protected and managed prudently; and

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes are a connected water system: an irreparable natural resource, containing 21% of the world's, and 95% of North America's, fresh water vital to human and environmental health; and

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes Basin is home to 25 million people in the United States and 8.5 million in Canada; and

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes are vital to the economic and agricultural well-being of the United States and Canada; and

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes sustain both \$100 million commercial and \$350 million fishing industries; and

WHEREAS, Lakes Michigan and Huron are interconnected and considered a single lake from a hydrology perspective and any contamination resulting from a leaking nuclear waste repository located on Lake Huron could also affect Lake Michigan's waters, the source of drinking water for the residents of the city of Gary; and

WHEREAS, Lake Huron and all of its connecting waters, including Lake St. Clair, are also a source of drinking water for millions of people downstream in the United States, Canada, and the First Nations; and

WHEREAS, great concern regarding this project has been expressed by individuals, citizen and environmental groups, and municipalities and counties in both the United States and Canada; and

WHEREAS, under the *2012 Protocol Amending the Agreement Between Canada and the United States of America on Great Lakes Water Quality*, the governments of the United States and Canada acknowledge the importance of anticipating, preventing, and responding to threats to the waters of the Great Lakes; and

WHEREAS, OPG was required under the applicable Environmental Impact Statement guidelines to consider alternative sites, but it did not consider or investigate any other sites for this nuclear waste repository; and

WHEREAS, the Governments of the United States and Canada share a responsibility and an obligation to protect the Great Lakes from contamination from various sources of pollution, including the leakage of nuclear waste from an underground nuclear waste repository, and such a facility may set a precedent for possible future expansion of Deep Geological Repositories (DGR) for high level nuclear waste, without full engagement and consultation with Great Lakes Basin municipalities; and

WHEREAS, placing a permanent nuclear waste burial facility in limestone, so close to the Great Lakes, is ill-advised and the potential damage to the Great Lakes from any leak or breach of radioactivity far outweighs any suggested economic benefit that might be derived from burying radioactive nuclear waste at the proposed site; and

WHEREAS, the ecology of the Great Lakes, valuable beyond measure to the health and economic well-being of the entire region, should not be placed at risk by storing radioactive nuclear waste underground so close to the shoreline of Lake Huron.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the city of Gary, Indiana, in order to protect the Great Lakes and its tributaries, urges that neither this proposed nuclear waste repository at the Bruce Nuclear Station at Kincardine, Ontario, nor any other underground nuclear waste repository be constructed in the Great Lakes Basin, in the United States, in Canada, or any First Nations property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Gary urges the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario to reject, and seek alternatives to, Ontario Power Generation's proposal to bury radioactive nuclear waste in the Great Lakes Basin.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Gary City Clerk shall provide copies of this resolution to Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne, Canada's Prime Minister, Stephen Harper, and Canada's Federal Minister of the Environment, Leon Aglukkaq, U.S. Senators Joe Donnelly and Dan Coats, Congressman Peter J. Visclosky, Indiana Governor Mike Pence and State Senator Earline Rogers, as well as Joint Review Panel Deep Geological Repository for Low and Intermediate Level Radioactive Waste Case Reference Number 17520, Panel Co-Manager, Ms. Debra Myles, all Members of Ontario's Provincial Parliament and all Members of Canada's Parliament, at the address listed below.

The Right Honourable Stephen Harper
Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa ON, K1A 0A6

The Right Honourable Stephen Harper
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

The Right Honourable Kathleen Wynne
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

The Right Honourable Leona Aglukkaq
Minister of the Environment
House of Commons
458 Confederation Building
Ottawa, Ontario K1A

The Honorable Joe Donnelly
U.S. Senator, State of Indiana
10 West Market Street Suite 1180
Indianapolis, IN 46204

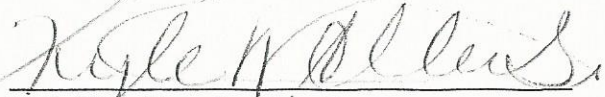
The Honorable Dan Coats
U.S. Senator, State of Indiana
1650 Market Tower
10 West Market St.
Indianapolis, IN 46204

The Honorable Peter J. Visclosky
U. S. Congressman, State of Indiana
7895 Broadway, Ste. A
Merrillville, IN 46410

The Honorable Mike Pence
Office of the Governor
State House
Room 206
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2797

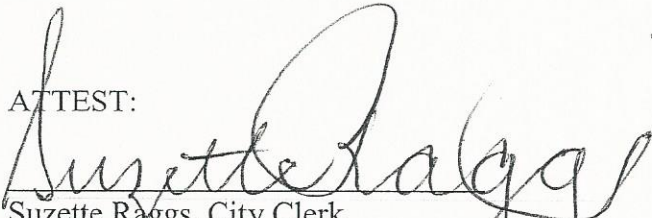
The Honorable Earline Rogers
Indiana State Senate
200 W. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2785

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Gary, Indiana
this 3rd day of June 2014.



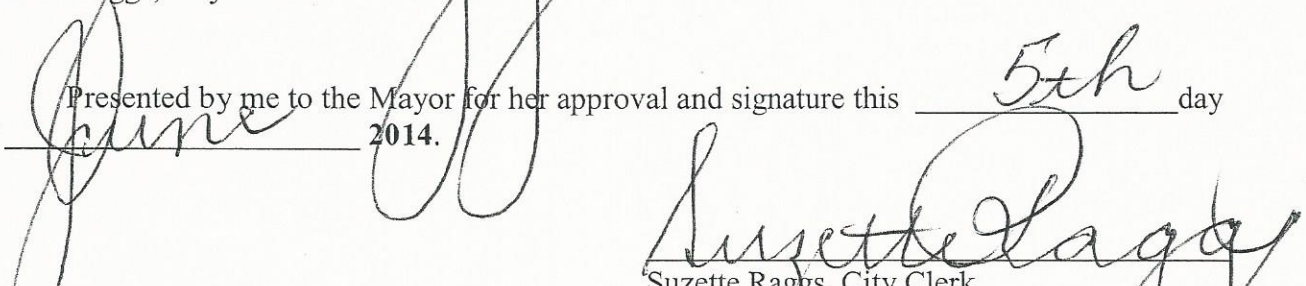
Kyle W. Allen, Sr., President

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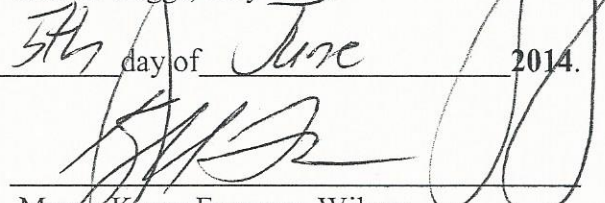
Suzette Raggs, City Clerk

Presented by me to the Mayor for her approval and signature this 5th day
of June 2014.



Suzette Raggs, City Clerk

APPROVED AND SIGNED by me this 5th day of June 2014.



Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson

PREPARED BY: Niquelle Allen, Corporation Counsel

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Councilwoman Carolyn Rogers, 4th District
Councilman Kyle Allen, President/At-Large
Councilman Ron Brewer, At-Large
Councilwoman Mildred Shannon, 1st District
Councilman Michael Protho, 2nd District
Councilwoman Mary Brown, 3rd District
Councilwoman Kimberly Robinson, 5th District

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