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Statement by Congressman Dan Kildee on Additional Delay of Canadian Nuclear Waste Site Near Great Lakes

WASHINGTON – Congressman Dan Kildee (MI-05) issued the following statement today after the Canadian government once again delayed a decision to build a permanent deep geological repository for nuclear waste on the shores of the Great Lakes, instead requesting additional information from Ontario Power Generation regarding alternative locations for the site:

“There is growing opposition, both in the U.S. and Canada, to this dangerous nuclear waste site, and the public pressure is being heard loud and clear. The Canadian government’s decision to request more information from Ontario Power Generation, including on alternative sites, is another delay for this dangerous plan. I am hopeful that the Canadian government will reject this site so close to the Great Lakes.

“Burying nuclear waste less than a mile from Lake Huron just doesn’t make sense. Doing so would threaten our economy and drinking water for 48 million people. Surely in the vast land mass that comprises Canada, there must be a better place to permanently store nuclear waste than on the shores of the Great Lakes.

“This fight is not over. People need to continue raising their voices in opposition to this proposed site.”

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