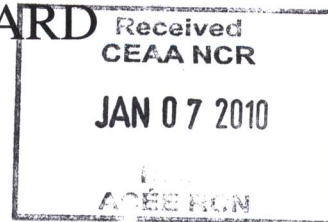




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To Whom It May Concern:

The Macomb County Water Quality Board was recently advised of the "Open Houses" that are being held regarding the proposed low and intermediate level nuclear waste repository near Kincardine, Ontario.

The Water Quality Board at its meeting of November 10, 2009 reiterated its position opposing such. Attached are the resolutions of the Water Quality Board and the Macomb County Board of Commissioner's which were originally sent to you in May 2008.

Yours truly,

<original signed by>

Douglas Martz, Chairman
Water Quality Board

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cc: Water Quality Board
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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS,

The Macomb County Water Quality Board was created by the Macomb County Board of Commissioners to be an advocate for the water quality of Lake St. Clair and its tributaries and to assist the Macomb County government in safe guarding these waters; and

WHEREAS,

The Great Lakes are an irreplaceable resource containing 22% of the world's and 95% of North America's fresh water vital to human and environmental health; and

WHEREAS,

The Great Lakes are vital to the economic well-being of the area and the Nation; and

WHEREAS,

Lake Huron and the connecting waters, including Lake St. Clair, are the source of drinking water for millions of people downstream in the United States, Canada and First Nation; and

WHEREAS,

Michigan Act 204 of 1987, the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Authority Act, MCL 333.26201 – 333.26226, set forth siting criteria for the disposal of low-level radioactive waste. Such criteria excludes any site "located within 10 miles of Lake Michigan, Lake Superior, Lake Huron, Lake Erie, St. Mary's River, Detroit River, St. Clair River or Lake St. Clair;" and

WHEREAS,

To protect water quality, other siting criteria of Act 204 excludes sites (1) located within a 500 year floodplain; (2) located over a sole source aquifer or (3) located where the hydrogeology beneath the site discharges groundwater to the land surface within 3,000 feet of the boundaries of the site; and

WHEREAS,

No Michigan site was likely to meet all statutory siting criteria and similar siting criteria should be used in Canada and other locations in the Great Lakes Basin; and

WHEREAS,

A proposal has been made for a low and intermediate level nuclear waste repository near Kincardine, Ontario, which this type of project has never been done before and which would not meet the siting criteria established under Act 204; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

By the Macomb County Water Quality Board on May 13, 2008, to protect the Great Lakes and its tributaries, that neither this proposed nuclear waste repository near Kincardine, Ontario nor any other underground repository be constructed in the Great Lakes Basin, in Canada, the United States or any First Nation property.

Official Resolution
Of the Board of Commissioners
Macomb County, Michigan

**A Resolution in Opposition of the
Proposed Nuclear Waste Repository
Near Kincardine, Ontario Nor Any Other
Underground Repository Be Constructed
In the Great Lakes Basin, in Canada,
The United States or Any First Nation Property**

Chairman William A. Crouchman,
On Behalf of the Board of Commissioners,
Offer the Following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Macomb County Board of Commissioners strongly values the water quality of Lake St. Clair and the Great Lakes; and

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes are an irreplaceable resource containing 22% of the world's and 95% of North America's fresh water vital to human and environmental health; and

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes are vital to the economic well-being of the area and the Nation; and

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

WHEREAS, Michigan Act 204 of 1987, the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Authority Act, MCL 333.26201 – 333.26226, set forth siting criteria for the disposal of low-level radioactive waste. Such criteria excludes any site "located within 10 miles of Lake Michigan, Lake Superior, Lake Huron, Lake Erie, St. Mary's River, Detroit River, St. Clair River or Lake St. Clair;" and

WHEREAS, to protect water quality, other siting criteria of Act 204 excludes sites (1) located within a 500 year floodplain; (2) located over a sole source aquifer or (3) located where the hydrogeology beneath the site discharges groundwater to the land surface within 3,000 feet of the boundaries of the site; and

WHEREAS, no Michigan site was likely to meet all statutory siting criteria and similar siting criteria should be used in Canada and other locations in the Great Lakes Basin; and

WHEREAS, a proposal has been made for a low and intermediate level nuclear waste repository near Kincardine, Ontario, which this type of project has never been done before and which would not meet the siting criteria established under Act 204; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Macomb County Board of Commissioners, in order to protect the Great Lakes and its tributaries, urges that neither this proposed nuclear waste repository near Kincardine, Ontario nor any other underground repository be constructed in the Great Lakes Basin, in Canada, the United States or any First Nation property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the appropriate legislature in the Great Lakes Basin, Canada, the United States and any First Nation property.