



# Stop The Great Lakes Nuclear Dump

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## **Canada & U.S. Objections Ignored: Panel Decides Nuclear Waste Dump on Great Lakes Should Proceed**

TORONTO — A Joint Review Panel has given the nod to Ontario Power Generation's (OPG) controversial plan to bury & abandon radioactive nuclear waste right beside the Great Lakes ignoring 154 Resolutions representing 21 million people passed by cities, towns and counties in Canada and the U.S. calling for OPG's plan to be scrapped.

The panel chose to ignore unanimous opposition from the Michigan Senate and unanimous opposition from Chicago, Toronto, Milwaukee, London, Hamilton, Thunder Bay and 148 more communities.

The panel chose to ignore bi-partisan resolutions introduced into the U.S. Senate and House urging the President and the Secretary of State to intervene to stop a permanent nuclear waste repository from being built within the Great Lakes Basin.

Additionally, the panel chose to ignore the voices of the 75,000+ people who declared their opposition to OPG's plan by signing the Stop The Great Lakes Nuclear Dump petition.

Michigan State Senator Phil Pavlov comments: *"I am disappointed by the Joint Review Panel's decision to approve a nuclear waste repository on the shores of Lake Huron. When the United States put forward a similar plan in the 1980s, Canada requested that no facility of this nature be built on a shared watershed, and the U.S. obliged. It is time for Canada to follow its own guidelines. With this decision, the panel is willfully ignoring the voices of hundreds of thousands of Michiganders who oppose this dangerous project."*

Keith Hobbs, Mayor of Thunder Bay comments: *"As Past Chair of the Great Lakes & St. Lawrence Cities Initiative and a Mayor of a large city on the largest Great Lake, I am deeply dismayed at this short-sighted decision. We owe future generations a safe water supply and have a responsibility to protect these assets. This decision cannot guarantee that, and that is a damn shame!"*

Joan Patricia Murphy, Cook County Commissioner says: *"We cannot believe the review panel would consider this travesty in the face of the overwhelming opposition. A nuclear repository in the Great Lakes Basin is unconscionable. The President of the Cook County Board and its seventeen Commissioners, representing over 5.2 million residents including the City of Chicago, vehemently oppose Ontario Power Generation's proposal and have urged the Joint Review Panel to recommend to the Canadian Government that OPG's plan be rejected. Please continue to call or write your local, state and national elected officials to urge the Canadian Government to find another location for this hazardous waste far away from our Great Lakes."*

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Beverly Fernandez, Stop The Great Lakes Nuclear Dump Spokesperson comments *“This is an inter-generational, non-partisan issue that affects millions of Canadians and Americans. It is a decision that will affect the Great Lakes for the next 100,000 years. The last place to bury & abandon radioactive nuclear waste is beside the largest supply of fresh water on the planet.”*

Stop The Great Lakes Nuclear Dump is a non-profit organization; we believe radioactive nuclear waste should not be buried anywhere in the Great Lakes Basin and that protection of the Great Lakes from buried radioactive nuclear waste is responsible stewardship, and is of national and international importance.

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