

RESOLUTION NO. 099- 2013

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**RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION OF THE PROPOSED DEEP
GEOLOGIC REPOSITORY FOR LOW AND INTERMEDIATE-
LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTES NEAR KINCARDINE,
ONTARIO, OR ANY OTHER UNDERGROUND REPOSITORY
NEAR THE SHORES OF ANY OF THE GREAT LAKES
INCLUDING CONNECTING WATERWAYS**

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes contain over 20% of the world's fresh surface water, and 95% of that of North America vital to human and environmental health; and

WHEREAS, Lake Erie is a vital resource for an estimated 3 million Ohioans who rely on Lake Erie as their source for safe drinking water; and

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

WHEREAS, Lake Huron via the St. Clair River/Lake St. Clair and the Detroit River supplies 95% of Lake Erie's Water; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oregon strongly values the water quality of Lake Erie and the Great Lakes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oregon drinking water intake is in Lake Erie; and

WHEREAS, United States Federal Act 204 of 1987 created the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Authority (LLRWA) which established a facility siting process in 1989 which effectively 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, Ontario Power Generation is proposing to construct an underground long term burial facility for all of Ontario's Low and Intermediate radioactive waste at the Bruce Nuclear Generating Station, some of which is highly radioactive and much of which will remain toxic for over 100,000 years. The proposed repository, less than one mile inland from the shore of Lake Huron and about 440 yards below lake level, is approximately 120 miles upstream from the main drinking water supply of southeast Michigan and approximately 145 miles upstream from the Toledo/Oregon drinking water intakes; and

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WHEREAS, this type of repository is not found anywhere else within the Great Lakes Basin; and

WHEREAS, placing a permanent nuclear waste facility so close to the Great Lakes is ill advised. The potential damage to the Great Lakes from any leak or breach of radioactivity far outweigh any benefits that could be derived from burying radioactive waste at this site. The ecology of the lakes, which is valuable beyond measure to the health and economic welfare of the entire region, should not be placed at risk by strong radioactive waste so close to the shoreline; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OREGON, OHIO, THAT:

Section 1. The Council of the City of Oregon, Ohio, in order to protect the Great Lakes, their tributaries, urges that neither this proposed nuclear waste repository at the Bruce Nuclear Generating Station nor any other underground nuclear waste repository be constructed in the Great Lakes Basin.

Section 2. The Council of the City of Oregon, Ohio urges Canadian officials to find alternatives to Ontario Power Generation's proposal to bury nuclear waste in the Great Lakes basin watershed where 90% of Lake Erie's water comes from Lake Huron.

Section 3. On behalf of the Citizens of Oregon, Ohio, copies of this Resolution will be provided to Governor John Kasich, all Lake Erie Basin federal and state elected officials, Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne, and Michael Binder, President and CEO of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission.

Section 4. All formal actions relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of Council, and all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees resulting in formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements of the City of Oregon and the State of Ohio.

Section 5. This Resolution shall be in force and take effect as soon as permitted under the law.

Yeas 6 Nays 0 Abs. 0

Passed this 12th day of August, 2013.

Jerry Peach
President of Council *president pro tem*

ATTEST:
Jina McGraw
Clerk of Council

APPROVED:
Michael J. Seferian
Mayor