

Resolution

EN-R-0031-15

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NUCLEAR WASTE  
REPOSITORY IN THE GREAT LAKES BASIN

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2006 the DuPage County Board adopted an Environmental Policy for DuPage County ("Policy"); and,

WHEREAS, the Policy finds that the County will continue to make best efforts to manage runoff, preserve natural areas, floodplains and wetlands and improve the quality of the water not only within the County borders but the water that runs downstream to other communities; and,

WHEREAS, Ontario Power Generation (OPG) is proposing to construct a deep geologic repository (DGR), which is an underground long-term burial facility for Ontario's low and intermediate level radioactive nuclear waste at a location less than a mile from Lake Huron and approximately 1,300 feet below the lake level; and

WHEREAS, OPG has reported that the majority of the radioactive waste will decay in 300 years and the remaining waste radioactive in more than 100,000 years; and

WHEREAS, members of the U.S. Congress, the Michigan Legislature and multiple local governments including Cook County and the City of Waukegan in Illinois are questioning the siting of this repository; and,

WHEREAS, any contamination resulting from a leaking nuclear waste repository located on Lake Huron could have a potential impact on Lake Michigan's waters, the source of drinking water for almost 7 million residents of northeastern Illinois Counties including DuPage; and

WHEREAS, DuPage County has a duty to protect its residents and businesses and their access to potable drinking water; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Committee of DuPage County has reviewed and recommends approval of this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the DuPage County Board opposes the construction of any deep geologic nuclear waste repository in the Great Lakes Basin, and urges the U.S. Congress to use its authority to review the OPG application and to provide a recommendation on behalf of the United States of America; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the members of U.S. Congress representing DuPage County.

Enacted and approved this 10th day of February, 2015 at Wheaton, Illinois.



DANIEL J. CRONIN, CHAIRMAN  
DU PAGE COUNTY BOARD

Attest:   
PAUL HINDS, COUNTY CLERK

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Karyn Romano, Vice Chair
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kevin Wiley, District 6
<b>AYES:</b>	Michelassi, Krajewski, Noonan, Wiley, Romano
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Sam Tornatore

Ayes: 18