



St. Clair County Water Quality Board

c/o St. Clair County Metropolitan Planning Commission
200 Grand River Avenue, Suite 202
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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 BE CONSTRUCTED NEAR THE SHORE OF ANY GREAT LAKES OR CONNECTING WATERWAYS

RESOLUTION 08-01 ST. CLAIR COUNTY WATER QUALITY BOARD JUNE 12, 2008

WHEREAS, the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners created the St. Clair County Water Quality Board (Water Quality Board) as a recommendation of the Blue Water Task Force on Water Quality to be a permanent advocate for our lakes and rivers; and

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes contain over 20% of the world's fresh surface water, and are a vital resource for both Michigan and St. Clair County because of their commercial and recreational usage; and

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes are used as a major mode of transport for bulk goods and commodities around the region and to the rest of the world; and

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes are integral component of the region's and Nation's economic well-being; and

WHEREAS, over 3 million residents of southeast Michigan rely on Lake Huron, the St. Clair River, Lake St. Clair and the Detroit River as their source of safe drinking water; and

WHEREAS, United States federal Act 204 of 1987 created the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Authority (LLRWA) who 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, the LLRWA has determined that it is impossible to find a site within the state which would meet all of the siting criteria set forth in Act 204, effectively halting any facility siting activities in the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, a "Deep Geologic Repository for Low and Intermediate-Level Radioactive Wastes" has been proposed by Ontario Power Generation in Bruce County in the municipality of Kincardine, Ontario; and

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

WHEREAS, the Regional Study Area identified in the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) guidelines released on April 4, 2008 by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (the Agency) and the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (the CNSC), only lists near shore areas and communities in Northern Lake Huron and Georgian Bay, and

WHEREAS, the comment period for the draft EIS guidelines and the draft Joint Review Panel (JRP) agreement, was announced on April 4, 2008 with comments being due on June 18, 2008.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Clair County Water Quality Board, in order to protect the Great Lakes, their tributaries, and the health and welfare of the 30 million plus people who live in the Great Lakes Basin, urges that this proposed Deep Geologic Repository for Low and Intermediate-Level Radioactive Wastes, or any other underground repository not be constructed near the shore of any Great Lakes or Connecting Waterways, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Water Quality Board requests that the Regional Study Area identified in the draft EIS be expanded to include those Michigan local units of government that border Lake Huron, and

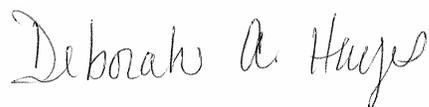
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that on behalf of the Citizens of St. Clair County for which it is charged with advocating for, the Water Quality Board hereby requests that the comment period for the draft EIS guidelines announced on April 4, 2008 be extended an additional 90 days beyond the current deadline of June 18, 2008.

Ayes: William Darmstaetter, Deborah Hayes, Howard Heidemann, Judy Ogden, Ron Pinson, Ralph Scofield

Nays: none

Absent: Terry Gill, Jim Hayes, John Jones

Resolution Declared Adopted.



Deborah Hayes, Chairperson
St. Clair County Water Quality Board