



## Stop The Great Lakes Nuclear Dump

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## City of Toronto Joins Call to Stop Proposed Nuclear Waste Dump beside the Great Lakes

*Toronto City Council passes resolution to stop the creation of a proposed nuclear waste repository on the shores of Lake Huron*

TORONTO —A growing number of communities, organizations and citizens are opposing Ontario Power Generation's plan to **build an underground nuclear waste dump** (a Deep Geological Repository) **approximately 1km from the shore of Lake Huron**. Public hearings on the matter were closed on October 30, 2013 by a Joint Review Panel and a Federal government decision is expected in 2014.

Today the City of Toronto unanimously passed Councillor Mike Layton's motion for a resolution opposing OPG's proposed nuclear waste repository. Toronto joins Mississauga, Oakville, London, Hamilton and many others organizations, citizens and communities in Ontario, Michigan and Ohio in formally opposing OPG's plan.

*"It is vitally important to human health, the environment and to the Great Lakes economy that the Great Lakes be protected from the threats of any potential radioactive contamination"* said Councillor Layton, the initiator of the motion. The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative, an organization of over 100 Canadian and American cities, including Toronto, is formally opposing OPG's plan. *"Today the City of Toronto took action to protect the drinking water of our citizens as well as the 40 million people living in the Great Lakes region. We would strongly encourage OPG to explore alternative sites outside of the Great Lakes Basin"* said Councillor Crawford.

Michigan State Senator Hoon-Yung Hopgood and Representative Sarah Roberts, who are rallying the public and Michigan politicians to oppose the nuclear dump, note *"Placing a permanent nuclear waste burial facility so close to Lake Huron is ill-advised. If a radioactive leak were to occur, it could be devastating to our economies and to our valuable drinking water sources."*

U.S. Congressmen Dan Kildee, Sander Levin, Gary Peters and John Dingell have written a letter to the Joint Review Panel expressing serious concern. U.S. Senators Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow also have urged US Secretary of State John Kerry to *"encourage the Canadian government to reconsider placing a nuclear waste dump near the shores of Lake Huron."*

*"We are delighted that Canada's largest city is showing leadership and taking action to protect this irreplaceable fresh water resource"* said Beverly Fernandez, Spokesperson of Stop The Great Lakes Nuclear Dump, a non-profit citizens group that launched a campaign to raise awareness about OPG's plan and a petition that now has almost 42,000 signatures opposing OPG's proposal. *"It absolutely defies common sense to bury the most toxic waste humans have ever produced, that remains lethal and dangerous for 100,000 years, approximately 1 km from the drinking water of 40 million people in two countries,"* Fernandez said.

Stop The Great Lakes Nuclear Dump is a non-profit organization comprised of concerned Canadians who believe that the protection of the Great Lakes from buried radioactive nuclear waste is responsible stewardship, and is of national and international importance. In order to protect our precious natural resource – the Great Lakes – our group believes that radioactive nuclear waste should not be buried anywhere in the Great Lakes Basin. We are urging citizens to sign our online petition and to send a message to the Minister of the Environment to stand up for the protection of the Great Lakes.

To learn more please visit: [www.stopthegreatlakesnucleardump.com](http://www.stopthegreatlakesnucleardump.com)

To sign the online petition: [www.gopetition.com/petitions/stopthegreatlakesnucleardump.html](http://www.gopetition.com/petitions/stopthegreatlakesnucleardump.html)

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