The Honorable Gina McCarthy  
Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Administrator McCarthy:

As the Environmental Protection Agency plans to convene with officials from Environment Canada for the binational Great Lakes Executive Committee meetings in Chicago this week, I am resending the letter I sent to President Obama and forwarded to you on May 22, requesting an immediate environmental analysis to be conducted by the International Joint Commission (IJC) to assess the impacts of the proposed permanent nuclear waste repository on the Great Lakes shoreline in Canada. This Administration should block any Canadian plan to contaminate the water for 30 million Americans. The livelihood and health of millions of people in Illinois are dependent on the Great Lakes and I urge you to protect them in these discussions.

The Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement reaffirms the shared principles of the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909, emphasizing the commitment of our two countries to protecting the Great Lakes. I urge you to discuss this issue with your Canadian counterparts and urge them to carefully consider the devastating impact this proposal would have on the drinking water of 40 million people, 30 million Americans and 10 million Canadians. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Mark Kirk  
U.S. Senator

Cc: Susan Hedman, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 5 Administrator