



Stop The Great Lakes Nuclear Dump

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Stop The Great Lakes Nuclear Dump Delivers 184 Resolutions to Minister Catherine McKenna

TORONTO – January 25, 2016: Stop The Great Lakes Nuclear Dump delivers 184 resolutions representing 22 million people to Minister of Environment and Climate Change McKenna, Prime Minister Trudeau and the Federal Cabinet. Delivery of the resolutions follows the January 19th submission to Minister McKenna of the Stop The Great Lakes Nuclear Dump petition signed by over 92,000 people opposing OPG's plan.

Resolutions passed by local governments in Ontario and in all 8 U.S. Great Lakes states, the Michigan Senate, the National Association of Counties and the Great Lakes Legislative Caucus, are all opposed and calling for the rejection of Ontario Power Generation's (OPG) application to build an underground Deep Geological Repository (DGR) for radioactive nuclear waste within the Municipality of Kincardine on the shores of Lake Huron, or anywhere in the Great Lakes Basin. See letter attached.

Resolutions from major Great Lakes cities include: Toronto, Mississauga, London, Sarnia, Thunder Bay, Kingston, Brampton, Oakville, Windsor, Chicago, Detroit, Flint, Milwaukee, Rochester and numerous other cities, counties and municipalities surrounding the Great Lakes.

The resolutions and petition inform the Minister of the extensive opposition to OPG's plan well in advance of March 1st, 2016 (the decision deadline date as set by the Canadian government).

Mike Bradley, Mayor of Sarnia, the largest city on Lake Huron states "There is no more important decision for every person living on the Great Lakes than the one by the Trudeau government on the proposed Nuclear Repository. A decision to say no to the project will send a clear message that the government is committed to protecting and building on the legacy of the last few decades of citizens, governments and First Nation's reclaiming and recovering the Great Lakes for future generations."

Keith Hobbs, Mayor of City of Thunder Bay states "As the Mayor of the largest city on the largest of the Great Lakes we have to protect our most important commodity: Water! To place a Deep Geologic Repository on the shores of any of our Great Lakes makes absolutely no sense. I implore the Federal Government to put an end to this insanity and stop this project dead in its tracks."

"I urge the new Canadian government to hear the thousands of Canadian and American voices raised in opposition to this plan," said Michigan State Senator Phil Pavlov (R-St. Clair Twp). "The Great Lakes are no place for permanent, potentially disastrous, nuclear waste storage."

Beverly Fernandez, spokesperson Stop The Great Lakes Nuclear Dump states "It is vitally important that the Canadian government recognize the overwhelming opposition to OPG's proposed DGR and take action to protect the precious shared water of the Great Lakes. Communities who rely on the Great Lakes for clean safe drinking water, agriculture, tourism and commerce do not accept the risk associated with OPG's plan and their message is clear; this plan must be stopped."

The list of communities who have passed resolutions:

<http://stopthegreatlakesnucleardump.com/resolutions.php>

*Stop The Great Lakes Nuclear Dump has launched a You Tube video concerning the need to protect the Great Lakes from this threat. See https://youtu.be/_s6C4CIH17U

Stop The Great Lakes Nuclear Dump Inc. 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.

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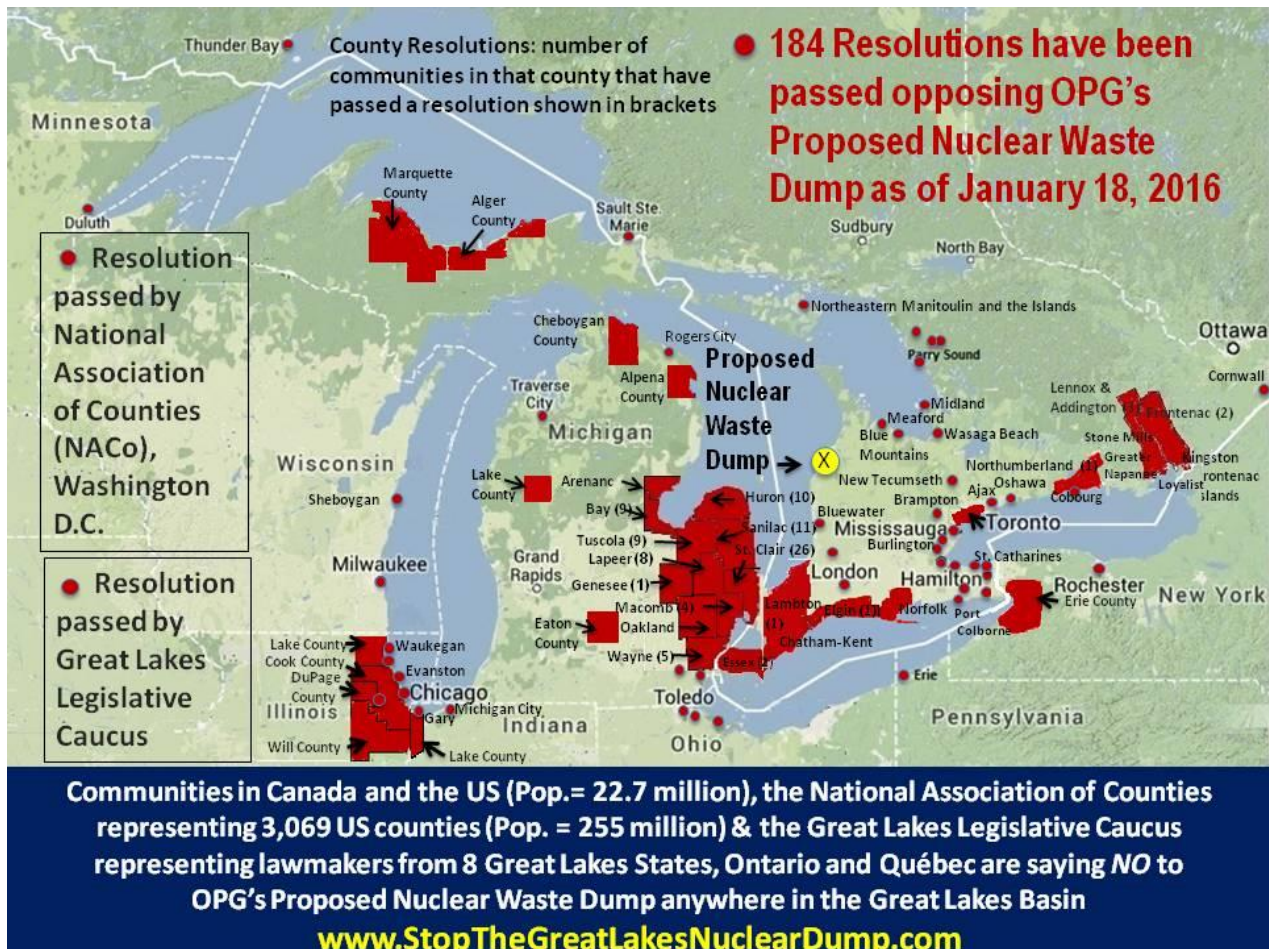
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Via Email

The Honourable Catherine McKenna, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Environment and Climate Change
House of Commons
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Dear Minister,

Further to our correspondence of January 19, 2016 delivering the Stop The Great Lakes Nuclear Dump petition, we are now furnishing copies of resolutions passed by local governments in Ontario and in all 8 U.S. Great Lakes states, the Michigan Senate, the National Association of Counties and the Great Lakes Legislative Caucus, all opposed and calling for the **rejection of Ontario Power Generation's (OPG) application** to build an underground Deep Geological Repository (DGR) for radioactive nuclear waste within the Municipality of Kincardine on the shores of Lake Huron, or **anywhere in the Great Lakes Basin**.



Facts to know:

- **Resolutions passed oppose and reject Ontario Power Generation's application for an underground deep geologic repository for radioactive nuclear waste anywhere in the Great Lakes Basin.**
- Resolutions from major Great Lakes cities include: Toronto, Mississauga, London, Sarnia, Thunder Bay, Kingston, Brampton, Oakville, Windsor, Chicago, Detroit, Flint, Milwaukee, Rochester and numerous other cities, counties and municipalities surrounding the Great Lakes.
- 184 resolutions represent over 22 million people (about 2/3 the population of Canada).
- The Michigan Senate unanimously passed a resolution demonstrating bipartisan opposition to the DGR.
- National Association of Counties (NACo) resolution encourages the President and the Secretary of State to oppose Ontario Power Generation's proposal to build a nuclear waste repository calling the Great Lakes Basin an unsuitable location. NACo unites America's 3,069 county governments who represent over 255 million people.
- The resolution passed by the Great Lakes Legislative Caucus, a nonpartisan group of state and provincial lawmakers from eight U.S. Great Lakes states and the Canadian provinces of Ontario and Québec, urges that:
 - neither OPG's proposed nuclear waste repository at the Bruce Nuclear Generating Station nor any other long term or permanent underground nuclear waste repository be constructed in Canada, the United States, or on any First Nation or Native American property within the Great Lakes Basin; and
 - the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario to reject and seek alternatives to Ontario Power Generation's proposal to bury radioactive waste in the Great Lakes Basin; and
- Ontario Power Generation's plan failed to disclose that there are only 3 underground deep geologic repositories on the planet that have held nuclear waste and ALL of them have leaked. This is a 100% failure rate.

Letter to Honourable Catherine McKenna
Minister of Environment and Climate Change
January 25, 2016

We respectfully request that you, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and the Liberal Federal Cabinet not approve OPG's plan to bury and abandon radioactive nuclear waste anywhere in the Great Lakes Basin.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Federal Cabinet (via request of PMO to circulate)

Attachments:

Exhibit 1: Resolutions passed opposing OPG's plan

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The Great Lakes were created by an ice age 12,000 years ago.

The Egyptian pyramids were created 4,500 years ago.

Some nuclear waste remains radioactive for 100,000 years.

The Great Lakes constitute 21% of the world's fresh water.

The Great Lakes are the water source supporting 40 million people in 2 countries.

An underground nuclear waste dump 1 km from the shore of Lake Huron defies common sense.