

*The Missaukee County
Board of Commissioners*

111 S. Canal Street
Lake City, MI 49651

April 10, 2002

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Interested Parties:

The Missaukee County Board of Commissioners is submitting this letter to ensure the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has your support to move forward with opening Yucca Mountain as the nation's location for storing spent nuclear fuel.

The board believes Yucca Mountain should be opened as the site to store spent nuclear fuel because:

- The immense amount of time, money and resources that have been committed to determining if Yucca Mountain is suitable as a storage site. To date, more than 20 years and \$7 billion of research indicates that it is a suitable site. Michigan ratepayers have contributed more than \$405 million toward this effort.
- In August 2001 DOE released a favorable preliminary site suitability evaluation report on Yucca Mountain, and in January Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham announced that he would recommend the site to the President.
- We believe the safest and most secure option is to store spent nuclear fuel in one permanent central, desolate location as opposed to dozens of temporary sites around the United States, including four sites near the Great Lakes in Michigan.
- If Yucca Mountain is not approved now, there is no alternate plan. This will result in the temporary storage sites in Michigan and across the United States becoming de facto permanent storage sites.

Consolidating spent nuclear fuel is a common sense approach supported by an enormous amount of scientific research. We urge you to support the effort, by overriding a Nevada veto if necessary, to make sure yucca Mountain is opened as the nation's spent nuclear fuel storage site.

Sincerely:



Carolyn Flore, Missaukee County Clerk on behalf of the County Commissioners

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**Missaukee County Board of Commissioner
Regular Meeting
April 9, 2002**

Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Birgy.

Roll Call: All Present.

Prayer Offered by Comm McGee.

Correspondence read from Lisa Dutcher and Circuit Court Judge Charles Corwin.

Motion by Shaarda, supported by Zuiderveen to amend and approve the Agenda. CARRIED.

Motion by Halvorsen, supported by Davis to appoint Keith Maneke to the District Library Board effective immediately for a term expiring 12-31-04. CARRIED.

Dave Worley, Director American Red Cross, recognized Don Lipfert, an area resident, with a Community Hero Award for 2002 and relayed his dedication and duties performed for the Red Cross.

Lt. Mike Tilley, Director of Emergency Management, updated the board on what had been happening on our local team under Act 390. He also reported what had been happening in Michigan for Terrorism preparedness.

Pat Bierens, Equalization Director, presented the 2002 Equalization Report and relayed information regarding the figures presented in the report.

Charles Parsons, Probate Judge, reported on Court Security matters and requested that a committee be formed to address this situation.

Sheriff Bosscher, presented his monthly update on operations and the jail expansion project and requested that the board follow Judge Parson's recommendation and establish a committee for court security. He also requested that the board purchase a 2002 McCoy Miller Ambulance from Goggin and Associates in the amount of \$61,345.

Motion by Harley, supported by McGee to purchase the 2002 McCoy Miller Ambulance with a trade-in of current 1993 Ambulance, from Fund #295 in the amount of \$61,345. CARRIED.

Pete Hembrough, Consumers Energy Representative, requested that the County Board of Commissioners pass the Yucca Mountain Nuclear Waste Repository resolution.

Motion by Shaarda, supported by Halvorsen to approve the following resolution:

**Yucca Mountain Nuclear Waste Repository
Resolution**

We, The Missaukee County Board of Commissioners passed the following resolution to urge Michigan's U.S. Senators and members of Congress to support the efforts of the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission to establish a permanent repository for high-level nuclear waste by opening Yucca Mountain, N.V.

WHEREAS, Over the past four decades, nuclear power has become a significant source for the nation's production of electricity. Michigan is among the majority of states that derive energy from nuclear plants; and

WHEREAS, Since the earliest days of nuclear power, the great dilemma associated with this technology is how to deal with the waste material that is produced. This high-level radioactive waste material demands exceptional care in all facets of its storage and disposal, including the transportation of this material; and

WHEREAS, In 1982, Congress passed the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982. This legislation requires the federal government, through the U.S. Department of Energy, to build a facility for the permanent storage of high-level nuclear waste. This act, which was amended in 1987, includes a specific timetable to identify a suitable location and to establish the waste facility. The costs for this undertaking are to be paid from a fee that is assessed on all nuclear energy produced; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with the federal act, Michigan electric customers have paid \$405.8 million into this federal fund for construction of the federal waste facility; and

WHEREAS, There are serious concerns that the federal government is not complying with the timetables set forth in federal law. The U.S. Department of Energy, working with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission must not fail to meet its obligation as provided by law. There is too much at stake; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we call upon Michigan's elected officials to support the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission in their effort to fulfill their obligation to establish a permanent repository at Yucca Mountain, NV, for high-level nuclear waste; and be it further,

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and Michigan's U.S. Senators and members of Congress.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yea (Halvorsen, Shaarda, Lucas, Davis, Zuiderveen, Scarbrough, McGee, Birgy) 1 Nay (Harley) CARRIED.

Carolyn Flore, County Clerk, requested that the board appoint a County Election Scheduling Committee.

Motion by Halvorsen, supported by Scarbrough to appoint the following people to the Missaukee County Election Scheduling Committee for a term expiring 12-31-02:

City Clerk, Rep.	Ev Lucas, City of McBain
Township Clerk, Rep	Cathy Molitor, Forest Twp Clerk
School Board, Rep.	Kelly Bekken, McBain School

CARRIED.

Public Comment: Ray Rising raised concerns on Library and County issues. Carol Ardis also voiced concerns over the Library Board.

LUNCH

Don Halvorsen reported on the splits for the year in the County and the proposed new Sanitary Code

Motion by Shaarda, supported by Zuiderveen to pay Claims and Accounts and Own Accounts: DELAYED VOTE

Motion by Harley, supported by Scarbrough to pay the additional \$49.00 in charges for the Jail Range from the Jail Budget. CARRIED.

Motion by McGee, supported by Harley to have MSU Extension purchase a new Computer Printer for 4-H from their equipment line. CARRIED.

Motion by McGee, supported by Harley to have the old Annex Xerox removed from the contract and returned to Xerox. CARRIED.

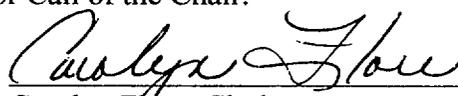
Motion by Halvorsen, supported by Lucas to pass the Equalization Report and Valuation Reports as presented. Roll Call Vote: CARRIED

Chairman Birgy appointed a Courthouse Security Committee consisting of Judge Parsons, Sheriff Bosscher, Planner Mills and the Law Committee.

Vote on Claims and Accounts	9 YEA	0 NAY	CARRIED
Vote on Own Accounts	9 YEA	0 NAY	CARRIED

Meeting Adjourned until 5-14-2002 at 10:00 A.M. or Call of the Chair.

Gary Birgy, Chairman



Carolyn Flore, Clerk

ASSESSED VALUATIONS - REAL

STATEMENT of valuation made in accordance with Sections 209.1 - 209.8 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

REAL PROPERTY ASSESSED VALUATIONS APPROVED BY BOARDS OF REVIEW

STATEMENT YEAR:	2002	(COL. 1)	(COL. 2)	(COL. 3)	(COL. 4)	(COL. 5)	(COL. 6)	(COL. 7)
		AGRICULTURE	COMMERCIAL	INDUSTRIAL	RESIDENTIAL	TIMBER-CUTOVER	DEVELOPMENTAL	TOTAL REAL PROPERTY
COUNTY:	57 MISSAUKEE							
TOWNSHIP OR CITY								
TOWNSHIPS:								
	1 AETNA	11,893,000	443,800	165,600	10,922,400	0	0	23,424,800
	2 BLOOMFIELD	6,128,100	0	0	11,795,000	0	0	17,923,100
	3 BUTTERFIELD	5,967,300	270,000	136,800	17,073,300	0	0	23,447,400
	4 CALDWELL	3,475,400	470,800	0	31,914,200	0	0	35,860,400
	5 CLAM UNION	11,851,900	1,329,800	0	15,168,500	0	0	28,350,200
	6 ENTERPRISE	3,121,900	118,900	234,500	9,084,600	0	0	12,559,900
	7 FOREST	1,199,500	782,800	1,195,200	22,842,600	0	0	26,020,100
	8 HOLLAND	3,233,600	77,400	182,200	7,503,400	0	0	10,996,600
	9 LAKE	3,739,900	5,239,200	974,800	99,512,400	0	0	109,466,300
	10 NORWICH	9,575,800	97,400	286,000	18,216,000	0	0	28,175,200
	11 PIONEER	2,948,200	0	0	13,327,600	0	0	16,275,800
	12 REEDER	8,227,200	1,097,500	0	21,595,000	0	0	30,919,700
	13 RICHLAND	15,686,600	217,600	136,000	23,687,300	0	0	39,727,500
	14 RIVERSIDE	11,493,300	208,900	73,200	16,439,700	0	0	28,215,100
	15 WEST BRANCH	5,291,400	0	0	15,843,400	0	0	21,134,800
CITIES:								
	51 LAKE CITY	87,800	4,061,400	364,200	18,950,400	0	0	23,463,800
	52 MCBAIN	143,800	3,795,000	6,143,800	8,620,000	0	0	18,702,600
Totals for County	99	104,064,700	18,210,500	9,892,300	362,495,800	0	0	494,663,300

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MISSAUKEE COUNTY, Lake City, MICHIGAN

DATE: APRIL 9, 2002

WE HEREBY CERTIFY That the foregoing is a true statement of the assessed valuations of real property classifications in each township and city in the County of Missaukee in the year 2002. We further certify that said statement does not embrace any property taxed under P.A. 77 of 1951; P.A. 68 of 1963; P.A. 188 of 1974; P.A. 255 of 1978; P.A. 385 of 1984; P.A. 224 of 1985; P.A. 147 of 1992; or Section 5 of Article IX of the Constitution of the State.

Dated at Lake City, MI this 9th day of April, 2002

Patricia H. Berens
 Director of County Tax or Equalization Department

Gary Birgy
 Gary Birgy, Chairman of Board of Commissioners
Carolyn Flore
 Carolyn Flore, Clerk of Board of Commissioners

EQUALIZED VALUATIONS - REAL

STATEMENT of valuation made in accordance with Sections 209.1 - 209.8 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

REAL PROPERTY EQUALIZED VALUATIONS BY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

STATEMENT YEAR:	2002	(COL 1)	(COL 2)	(COL 3)	(COL 4)	(COL 5)	(COL 6)	(COL 7)
		AGRICULTURE	COMMERCIAL	INDUSTRIAL	RESIDENTIAL	TIMBER-CUTOVER	DEVELOPMENTAL	TOTAL REAL PROPERTY
COUNTY:	57 MISSAUKEE							
TOWNSHIP OR CITY								
TOWNSHIPS:								
1 AETNA		11,893,000	443,800	165,600	10,922,400	0	0	23,424,800
2 BLOOMFIELD		6,128,100	0	0	11,795,000	0	0	17,923,100
3 BUTTERFIELD		5,967,300	270,000	136,800	17,073,300	0	0	23,447,400
4 CALDWELL		3,475,400	470,800	0	31,914,200	0	0	35,860,400
5 CLAM UNION		11,851,900	1,329,800	0	15,168,500	0	0	28,350,200
6 ENTERPRISE		3,121,900	118,900	234,500	9,084,600	0	0	12,559,900
7 FOREST		1,199,500	782,800	1,195,200	22,842,600	0	0	26,020,100
8 HOLLAND		3,233,600	77,400	182,200	7,503,400	0	0	10,996,600
9 LAKE		3,739,900	5,239,200	974,800	99,512,400	0	0	109,466,300
10 NORWICH		9,575,800	97,400	286,000	18,216,000	0	0	28,175,200
11 PIONEER		2,948,200	0	0	13,327,600	0	0	16,275,800
12 REEDER		8,227,200	1,097,500	0	21,595,000	0	0	30,919,700
13 RICHLAND		15,686,600	217,600	136,000	23,687,300	0	0	39,727,500
14 RIVERSIDE		11,493,300	208,900	73,200	16,439,700	0	0	28,215,100
15 WEST BRANCH		5,291,400	0	0	15,843,400	0	0	21,134,800
CITIES:								
51 LAKE CITY		87,800	4,061,400	364,200	18,950,400	0	0	23,463,800
52 MCBAIN		143,800	3,795,000	6,143,800	8,620,000	0	0	18,702,600
Totals for County	99	104,064,700	18,210,500	9,892,300	362,495,800	0	0	

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MISSAUKEE COUNTY, Lake City, MICHIGAN
DATE: APRIL 9, 2002

WE HEREBY CERTIFY That the foregoing is a true statement of the equalized valuations of real property classifications in each township and city in the County of Missaukee in the year 2002, as determined by the Board of Commissioners of said county on the 9TH day of April, 2002 at a meeting of said board held in pursuance of the provisions Sections 209.1 - 209.8, MCL. We further certify that said statement does not embrace any property taxed under P.A. 77 of 1951; P.A.68 of 1963; P.A. 198 of 1974; P. A. 255 of 1978; P.A. 385 of 1984; P.A. 224 of 1985; P.A. 147 of 1992; or Section 5 of Article IX of the Constitution of the State.

Dated at Lake City, MI this 9TH day of April, 2002.

Patricia E. Beevers
Director of County Tax or Equalization Department

Gary Birgy
Gary Birgy, Chairman of Board of Commissioners
Carolyn Flor
Carolyn Flor, Clerk of Board of Commissioners

PERSONAL AND REAL PROPERTY - TOTALS

STATEMENT of acreage and valuation made in accordance with Sections 209.1 - 209.8 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

STATEMENT YEAR:	2002	NUMBER OF ACRES ASSESSED (COL. 1) ACRES HUNDREDTHS	TOTAL REAL PROPERTY VALUATIONS		PERSONAL PROPERTY VALUATIONS		TOTAL REAL PLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY	
			(TOTALS FROM PAGES 2 AND 3)		(COL. 4)		(COL. 7)	
			ASSESSED	(COL. 3)	(COL. 5)	(COL. 6)	(COL. 7)	
			VALUATIONS	VALUATIONS	VALUATIONS	VALUATIONS	VALUATIONS	
COUNTY:	57 MISSAUKEE							
TOWNSHIP OR CITY								
TOWNSHIPS:								
	1: AETNA	20,899.05	23,424,800	23,424,800	885,749	885,749	24,310,549	24,310,549
	2: BLOOMFIELD	13,785.68	17,923,100	17,923,100	1,588,000	1,588,000	19,511,100	19,511,100
	3: BUTTERFIELD	21,212.36	23,447,400	23,447,400	2,706,465	2,706,465	26,153,865	26,153,865
	4: CALDWELL	16,623.43	35,860,400	35,860,400	2,553,361	2,553,361	38,413,761	38,413,761
	5: CLAM UNION	20,301.71	28,350,200	28,350,200	1,483,400	1,483,400	29,833,600	29,833,600
	6: ENTERPRISE	15,993.40	12,559,900	12,559,900	3,452,923	3,452,923	16,012,823	16,012,823
	7: FOREST	15,730.27	26,020,100	26,020,100	2,654,227	2,654,227	28,674,327	28,674,327
	8: HOLLAND	8,576.81	10,996,600	10,996,600	2,540,500	2,540,500	13,537,100	13,537,100
	9: LAKE	18,056.96	109,466,300	109,466,300	6,102,600	6,102,600	115,568,900	115,568,900
	10: NORWICH	40,340.14	28,175,200	28,175,200	5,839,071	5,839,071	34,014,271	34,014,271
	11: PIONEER	10,340.14	16,275,800	16,275,800	364,200	364,200	16,640,000	16,640,000
	12: REEDER	20,523.06	30,919,700	30,919,700	1,303,532	1,303,532	32,223,232	32,223,232
	13: RICHLAND	21,511.85	39,727,500	39,727,500	2,503,072	2,503,072	42,230,572	42,230,572
	14: RIVERSIDE	22,471.11	28,215,100	28,215,100	1,896,882	1,896,882	30,111,982	30,111,982
	15: WEST BRANCH	18,145.04	21,134,800	21,134,800	252,648	252,648	21,387,448	21,387,448
CITIES:								
	51: LAKE CITY	481.91	23,463,800	23,463,800	1,955,300	1,955,300	25,419,100	25,419,100
	52: MCBAIN	497.20	18,702,600	18,702,600	5,042,000	5,042,000	23,744,600	23,744,600
Totals for County	99	285,490.12	494,663,300	494,663,300	43,123,930	43,123,930	537,787,230	537,787,230

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MISSAUKEE COUNTY, Lake City, MICHIGAN

DATE: APRIL 09, 2002

WE HEREBY CERTIFY That the foregoing is a true statement of the number of acres of land in each township in the County of Missaukee and of the value of the real property and of the personal property in each township and city in said county as assessed in the year 2002, and of the aggregate valuation of the real property and personal property in each township and city in said county as equalized by the Board of Commissioners of said county on the 9TH day of April, 2002, at a meeting of said board held in pursuance of the provisions Sections 209.1 - 209.8, MCL. We further certify that said statement does not embrace any property taxed under P.A. 77 of 1951; P.A. 68 of 1963; P.A. 198 of 1974; P.A. 255 of 1978; P.A. 385 of 1984; P.A. 224 of 1985; P.A. 147 of 1992; or Section 5 of Article IX of the Constitution of the State.

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