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Industrial Development
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April 10, 2002

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Office of Public Affairs
Washington, DC 20555

To Whom It May Concern:

Attached you will find a copy of a resolution regarding the Yucca Mountain Repository unanimously approved by the Board of Directors of the Monroe County Industrial Development Corporation (MCIDC) at its regular meeting on April 10, 2002.

We feel that after twenty years of study and a demonstrated safe transportation record, it is time for the Federal Government to move forward on this issue.

If you have any questions regarding this action by the MCIDC Board of Directors please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

William P. Morris
President

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Monroe County Industrial Development Corporation

Resolution

WHEREAS, for the past fifty years, generating nuclear energy has produced high level nuclear waste throughout the nation both in the private sector and in government (military); and

WHEREAS, electricity, derived from nuclear energy has contributed to the high level nuclear wastes that are stored in one hundred thirty-one (131) local communities throughout the United States of America, including Monroe County, Michigan, where the active Fermi II Nuclear Power Plant and the inactive Fermi I reactor are located; and

WHEREAS, nationally there are one hundred three (103) nuclear power plants, including the Fermi II power plant that are stockpiling high level nuclear wastes in anticipation of a final federal repository;

WHEREAS, some plants like the Palisades plant in northern Michigan have exhausted their spent fuel capacity and are using dry fuel storage casts for temporary storage; and

WHEREAS, scientists from the United States and around the world have determined that an underground repository is a feasible and safe method for disposing of high level nuclear wastes; and

WHEREAS, the Nuclear Waste Act of 1982 (amended 1987) was enacted to provide a deep geological isolation of spent nuclear fuel and was to begin accepting spent fuel by 1998; a funding method mandated by the Act has collected over eighteen billion dollars (\$18 billion) from electrical ratepayers throughout the nation, including eighty-two million dollars (\$82 million) from the electrical consumers in Southeast Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the failure of the Federal government to open a repository according to the laws of this great nation has compromised the security of nuclear waste and the safety of our population within our local communities; and

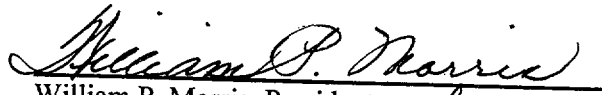
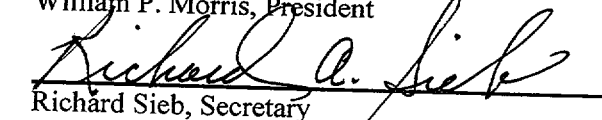
WHEREAS, after decades of scientific research and public debate, Spencer Abraham, Department of Energy Secretary has recommended to President George Bush to proceed with the Yucca Mountain, Nevada, repository project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Monroe County Industrial Development Corporation supports the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission in their effort to fulfill the Federal obligation to establish a permanent repository for high level nuclear waste at Yucca Mountain; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to Congressman John Dingell, Senators Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow, U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Secretary Spencer Abraham, and President George Bush; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to State Representatives Randy Richardville and Gene DeRossett, Senator Beverly Hammerstrom, Governor John Engler and all Michigan counties;

Attested to this 10th day of April in the year 2002.


William P. Morris, President

Richard Sieb, Secretary