



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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May 8, 2002

OFFICE OF THE  
SECRETARY

Ms. Lou Ann Bluntschly  
Clerk of the Lenawee County Bd. of Commissioners  
301 N. Main Street, Courthouse  
Adrian, MI 49221

Reference: Yucca Mountain Repository

Dear Ms. Bluntschly:

Thank you for the Resolution sent to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission regarding the Yucca Mountain Repository. Your correspondence has been forwarded to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission Staff for appropriate consideration. A copy of your correspondence and this reply are also being placed in Agency records on the Yucca Mountain Repository.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Emile L. Julian".

Emile L. Julian  
Assistant for Rulemakings  
and Adjudications

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**RESOLUTION: NUCLEAR WASTE REPOSITORY**  
**at YUCCA MOUNTAIN, NEVADA**

**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

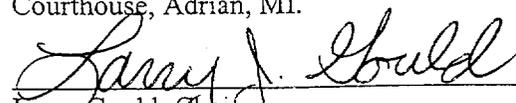
**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the federal act, Michigan electric customers have paid \$405.8 million into this federal fund for construction of the federal waste facility; and

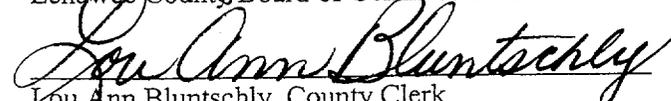
**WHEREAS**, there are serious concerns that the federal government is not complying with the timetables set forth in federal law. The U.S. Department of Energy, working with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission must not fail to meet its obligation as provided by law. There is too much at stake.

**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, Senator Carl Levin, Senator Debbie Stabenow and Michigan's Congressional delegation.

Passed by roll call vote of the Board of Commissioners  
at a meeting held on Tuesday, March 26, 2002 in the  
Courthouse, Adrian, MI.

  
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Larry Gould, Chair,  
Lenawee County Board of Commissioners

  
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Lou Ann Bluntschly, County Clerk