



Oceana County
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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Hart, Michigan 49420



RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY'S
AND U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION'S EFFORTS
TO ESTABLISH A PERMANENT REPOSITORY FOR
HIGH-LEVEL NUCLEAR WASTE AT YUCCA MOUNTAIN, NEVADA

Moved by Mr. Byl and seconded by Mr. McGovern to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, over the past four decades, nuclear power has become a significant source for the nation's production of electricity and 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 as this high-level radioactive waste material demands exceptional care in all facets of its storage, disposal and transportation; and

WHEREAS, in 1982, Congress passed the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 which requires the federal government, through the U.S. Department of Energy, to build a facility for the permanent storage of high-level nuclear waste and the 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 the federal law and the U.S. Department of Energy, working with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, must not fail to meet its obligation as provided by law as 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, Nevada for high-level nuclear waste.

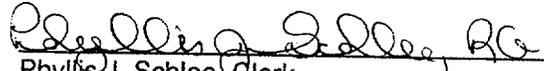
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Michigan's U.S. Senators Levin and Stabenow, U.S. Representative Hoekstra, Governor Engler, State Senator Schuette, State Representative Mead and Consumers Energy.

Roll call vote: Byl, yes; McGovern, yes; Simon, yes; Kolbe, yes; Merten, yes; Malburg, yes; and VanSickle, yes.

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CERTIFICATION:

The undersigned, being the Clerk of Oceana County, does hereby certify that on the 14th day of March, 2002, the Oceana County Board of Commissioners did adopt the above Resolution at its Regular Meeting.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Phyllis J. Schlee, Clerk".

Phyllis J. Schlee, Clerk
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