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U.S. NRC Region III
James Dyer, Administrator
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Dear Mr. Dyer:

At the Regular Meeting of the Alcona County Board of Commissioners held on March 20, 2002, the following Resolution was made and adopted by unanimous roll call vote:

YUCCA MOUNTAIN RESOLUTION #2002-3-1

WE, the Alcona 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, NV.

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 as set forth in federal law. The U.S. Department of Energy, working

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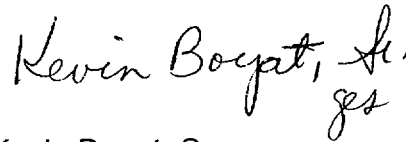
with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission must not fail to meet its obligation as provided by law. There is too much at stake.

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 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.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Kevin Boyat, Sr.,
Chairman, Alcona County Board of
Commissioners

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U.S. Dept. of Energy