

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

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June 19, 2002

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Mr. John C. Hertel
Macomb County Board of Commissioners
Administration Building
Mount Clemens, MI 48043

Reference: Yucca Mountain Repository

Dear Mr. Hertel:

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,

Emile L. Julian

Assistant for Rulemakings and Adjudications

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Dear Chairman Meserve:

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Attached is a certified copy of an Official Resolution of the Macomb County Board of Commissioners adopted at its May 16, 2002 Full Board Session.

Robert Mijac
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Commissioners adopted at its May 16, 2002 Full Board Session.

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The Macomb County Board of Commissioners publicly supports the United States Department of Energy and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission in their efforts to fulfill their obligation to establish a permanent repository for high-level nuclear waste by opening Yucca Mountain, NV.

Peter J. Lund

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Your attention to this petition and your efforts to see that the federal government complies with the timetables set forth by federal law to meet their obligation to build a facility for the permanent storage of high-level nuclear waste is greatly appreciated.

John C. Hertel Chairman District 14

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Macomb County Board of Commissioners

Sincerely,

Michael C. Sessa District 18

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Peggy A. Kennard District 25 I, CARMELLA SABAUGH, CLERK OF THE MACOMB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION IN THEIR EFFORTS TO FULFILL THEIR OBLIGATION TO ESTABLISH A PERMANENT REPOSITORY FOR HIGH-LEVEL NUCLEAR WASTE WAS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AT ITS FULL BOARD MEETING HELD ON MAY 16, 2002.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE SEAL OF THE COURT AT MOUNT CLEMENS, MICHIGAN, THIS 22ND DAY OF MAY, 2002.

CARMELLA SABAUGH, COUNTY CLERK

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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OFFICIAL RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION IN THEIR EFFORTS TO FULFILL THEIR OBLIGATION TO ESTABLISH A PERMANENT REPOSITORY FOR HIGH-LEVEL NUCLEAR WASTE

THE MACOMB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OFFERS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

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

