



I, Kimberly D. Reichert, Village Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer of the Village of East Aurora, Erie County, New York, do hereby certify that the attached resolution is a true copy of the original resolution adopted by the Village Board of the Village of East Aurora, at a meeting of the said Board held on the 18th day of May 2009.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the Village of East Aurora, New York, this May 19, 2009.



Kimberly D. Reichert, RMC
Village Administrator
Clerk-Treasurer

Trustee Mercurio offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION ON WEST VALLEY NUCLEAR WASTE SITE CLEANUP

Whereas, thirty miles south of Buffalo, NY, the West Valley nuclear waste site, located in Cattaraugus County, is burdened with vast amounts of toxic and radioactive wastes, many of which will remain radioactive for tens of thousands of years, some for millions of years, including plutonium, uranium, strontium-90 and iodine-129, and can cause leukemia and cancer at low doses;

Whereas, the site is the nation's only venture into commercial reprocessing of irradiated nuclear fuel, was operated by Nuclear Fuel Services and ended in a total failure in 1976 with the company leaving and passing on cleanup responsibility to the government and taxpayers;

Whereas, the site sits on top of a sole source aquifer and has been plagued with problems, such as radioactive contaminated groundwater, and radioactivity from the site

has been found as far away as the shore at the juncture of the Niagara River and Lake Ontario demonstrating a potential for the leaking site to contaminate drinking water supplies for millions of people;

Whereas, the Department of Energy and NYS Energy Research & Development Authority are proposing to leave buried waste onsite, (including high level radioactive waste tanks when such tanks are at the end of their useful lives and could leak contamination at any time), and delay final cleanup decisions for up to 30 years;

Whereas, economists and scientists recently released a first-ever study on the long-term cleanup costs, *The Real Costs of Cleaning Up Nuclear Waste: A Full Cost Accounting of Cleanup Options for the West Valley Nuclear Waste Site*, funded by a New York State grant sponsored by Senator Catharine Young (R-Olean), and the study was conducted by Synapse Energy Economics, experts from Tufts University, SUNY Fredonia and Radioactive Waste Management Associates;

Whereas, the study investigated the costs of digging up radioactive waste versus leaving waste buried onsite for the next 1,000 years and found that a full waste excavation cleanup costs less, at \$9.9 billion, and presents the least risk to the population than leaving buried waste onsite, which is expensive, at \$13 billion, carries high risks, and could also cost an additional \$27 billion or more if a catastrophic release of radioactive waste contaminated drinking water supplies;

Whereas, scientists found that erosion is a powerful and fast moving force in the region, and leaving buried waste onsite poses a risk to people if controls fail and dangerous radioactive waste pollutes local, regional and international waterways into Lake Erie, the Niagara River and beyond;

Whereas, scientists found the site poses a significant danger to people who live along nearby creeks, Buffalo residents and people living along the shores of Lakes Erie and Ontario, and if just 1% of radioactivity leaked from the site, Lake Erie water users would be exposed to substantial radiation, causing hundreds of cancer deaths, and Buffalo and Erie County water replacement would cost hundreds of millions of dollars;

Whereas, scientists and economists concluded that if wastes are left buried at West Valley and a release occurs, it can have expensive and disastrous consequences irreparably contaminating the precious Great Lakes region, and the costs of maintaining buried waste in an attempt to thwart future disaster will be far more expensive and far more risky than excavating the radioactive waste which is the safest, precautionary approach.;

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the **Village of East Aurora**, located in the County of Erie, State of New York, goes on record with the passage of this Resolution that it

SUPPORTS the full cleanup of the entire West Valley nuclear waste site (also known as the Western NY Nuclear Service Center & Demonstration Project) through waste excavation; and

SUPPORTS cleanup standards that are at least as protective as current state radiation standards and unrestricted use toxic standards, and are fully protective of vulnerable populations, including children, fish, wildlife and water.

This resolution will be distributed to state and federal elected officials and the US Department of Energy and NYS Energy Research and Development Authority.

Seconded by Trustee Scheer, and **ADOPTED** with voting as follows:

Trustee Mercurio	Aye
Trustee McDonnell	Aye
Trustee Scheer	Aye
Trustee Biggs	Aye
Trustee Kasprzak	Aye
Mayor Crook	Aye