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Nuclear Regulatory Commission
ATTN: Docketing and Service Branch
Re: Below Regulatory Concern
Washington, D.C. 20555

Attached is a resolution passed by the Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners regarding low-level radioactive waste and the impact of proposed "below regulatory concern" change currently under discussion.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this matter and hope our input is taken under consideration.

If you have questions or comments, please contact me at 616/922-4780 or at the above address.

Sincerely,

Michael J. McClelland
Grand Traverse County
Grants Coordinator

cc: Robert Russell - Chairman Solid Waste Council

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R E S O L U T I O NOpposition to Deregulation of Radioactive Waste

WHEREAS, The United States Congress and United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) have approved the concept of deregulating heretofore radioactive waste to the status of nonradioactive waste (waste below regulatory concern); and,

WHEREAS, Such deregulated radioactive waste will go to landfills, sewers, incinerators, and any other facilities for solid, liquid, or hazardous waste, which are neither designed nor intended to take radioactive waste; and,

WHEREAS, Deregulated radioactive materials could be recycled and contaminate raw materials and consumer products; and,

WHEREAS, It has been estimated that more than 30 percent of the volume of what is currently considered "low-level" radioactive waste could be deregulated by the U.S. NRC; and,

WHEREAS, Evidence is growing that exposure to low levels of ionizing radiation have greater negative health effects than previously assumed by national and international agencies; and,

WHEREAS, Radiation and chemicals have synergistic effects on the environment and human health and such exposures to both may result from deregulation of nuclear waste,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, THAT, Grand Traverse County prohibits the acceptance of radioactive waste deregulated or otherwise at any solid, liquid, or hazardous waste facilities in this jurisdiction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT This body will inform the appropriate potentially affected local, state, and federal agencies of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT, This body calls for the U.S. Congress to rescind Section 10 of the 1985 Low-Level Radioactive Waste Policy Amendments Act (P.L. 99-240) which requires the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to set BRC standards.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT This body urges the U.S. NRC to halt all activities that will result in deregulating radioactive waste and materials (BRC).

Date 1: September 27, 1989

I HEREBY CERTIFY THIS COPY TO BE A
TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE RECORD ON
FILE WITH THE OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK

VIRGINIA A. WATSON
GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY CLERK
BY: [Signature]
DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK

DATE: 11-2-89